



Dance in the  
**Wampire Bund**  
NOZOMU TAMAKI VOLUME 1



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# DANCE IN THE VAMPIRE BUND

## 1

**NOZOMU TAMAKI**

*Sein Reich komme!*

*Nichts ist wirklicher als diese Illusion.*

*Sie hat die Dome erbaut,*

*sie hat die Dome zertrümmert,*

*Jahrtausende haben gesungen,*

*gelitten,*

*gemordet für dieses Reich,*

*das niemals kommt*

*—und dennoch macht es die ganze menschliche Geschichte!*

Let His kingdom come!

Nothing is more real than this illusion.

It has smashed the cathedrals.

Millennia have sung, suffered, and murdered one another

For this illusive kingdom that never comes.

—And so it is responsible for the whole of human history.

*Frisch "Nun singen sie wieder"*



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gemordet für dieses  
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menschliche  
Geschichte!

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Dome zertrümmert,

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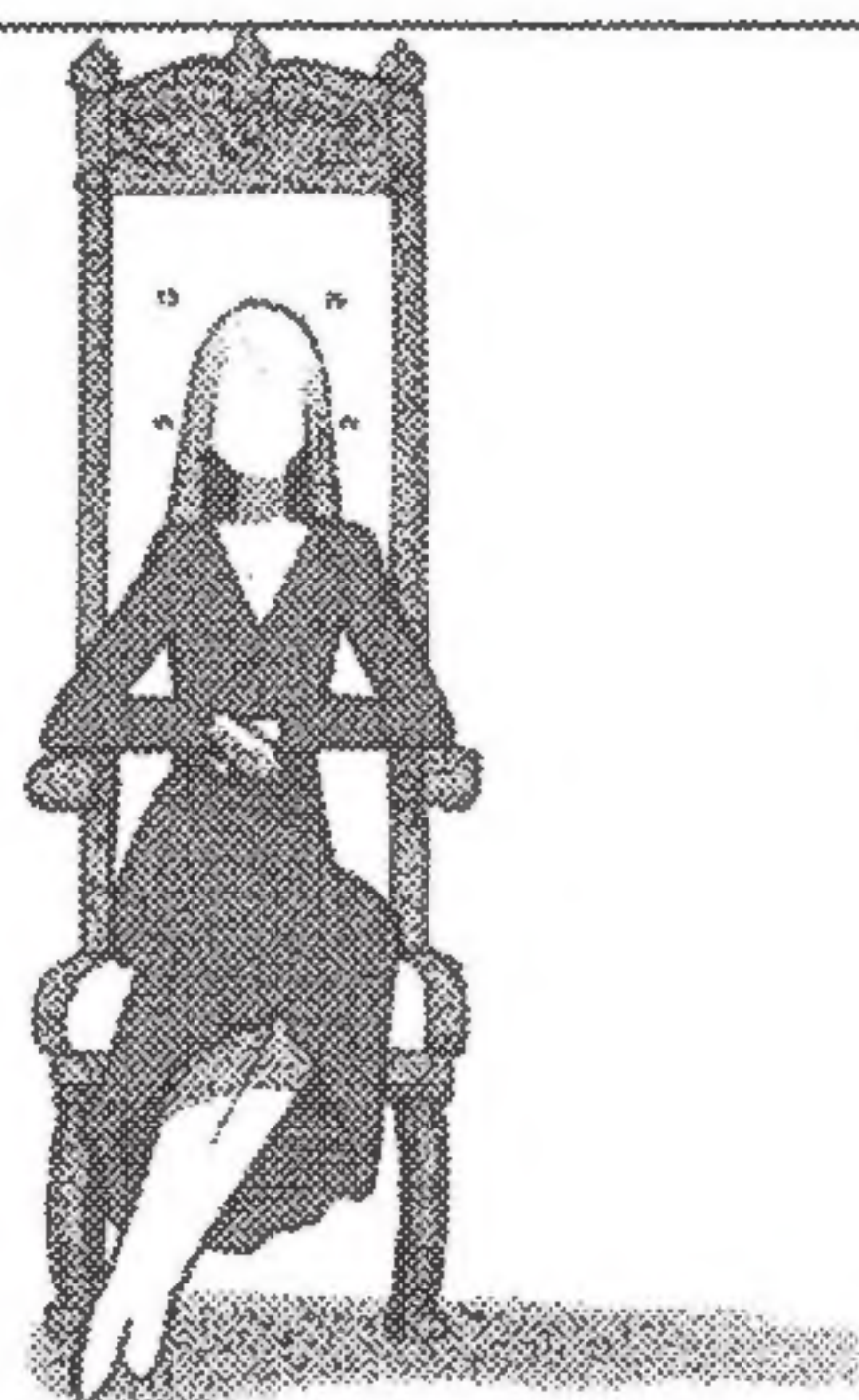
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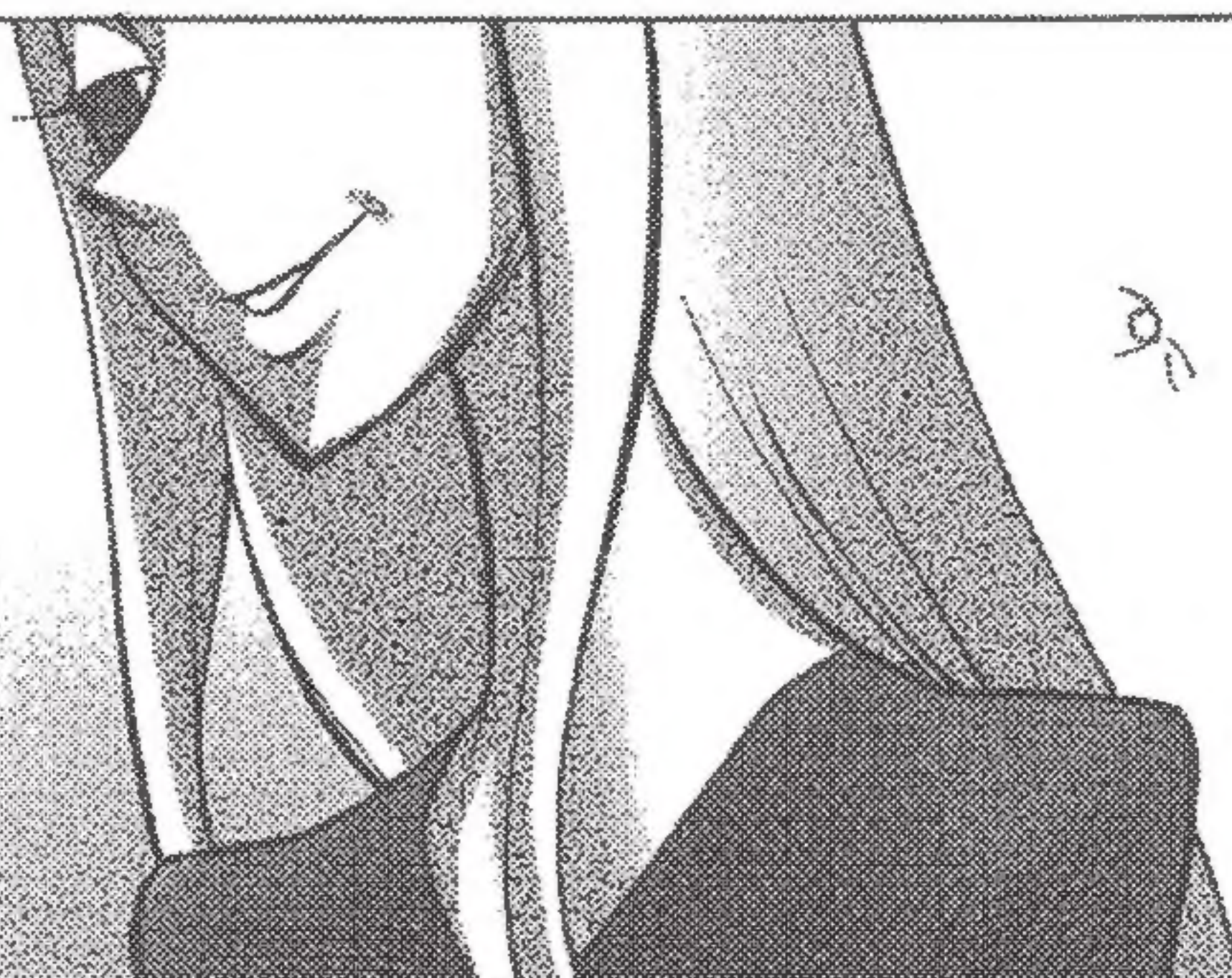
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"YOU'RE ALWAYS  
STARING SADLY  
OUT AT THE  
WORLD. HOW  
LONG ARE YOU  
GOING TO KEEP  
DOING THAT?"



ONCE UPON A  
TIME, A YOUNG  
BOY ASKED THE  
QUEEN OF THE  
MONSTERS A  
QUESTION...



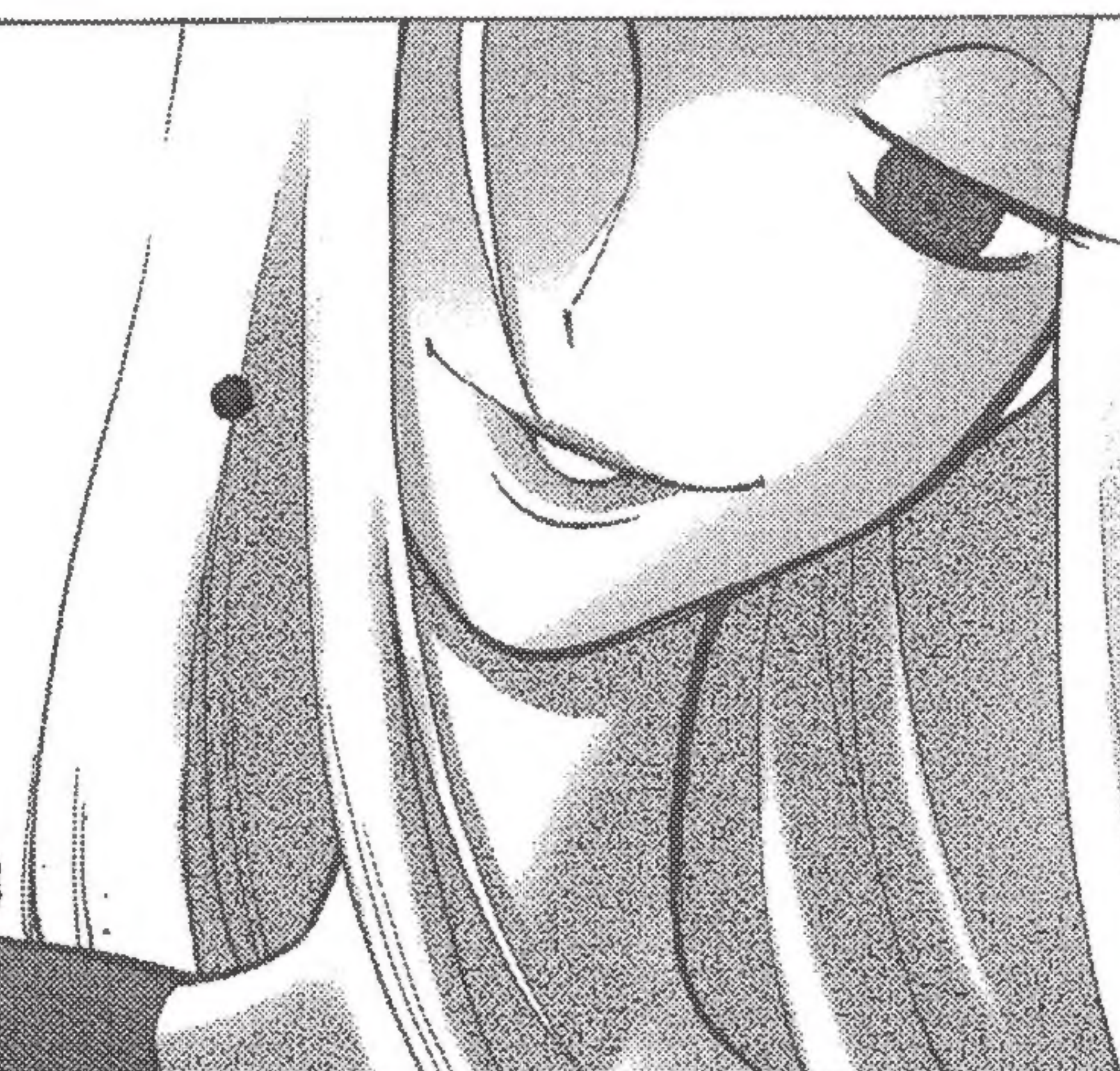
"IF YOU  
GRANT MY  
WISH, I  
SHALL STOP  
BEING SAD,"  
THE QUEEN  
REPLIED.

"I WILL,"  
THE BOY  
NODDED  
VIGOROUSLY.



"BUT IF YOU  
BREAK YOUR  
WORD...I SHALL  
EAT YOU. SO,  
DEAR BOY, WILL  
YOU STILL MAKE  
YOUR PROMISE?"

"MY  
WISH  
IS..."



"THEN, I  
WILL TELL  
YOU."



## ***Chapter 1: The Covenant***



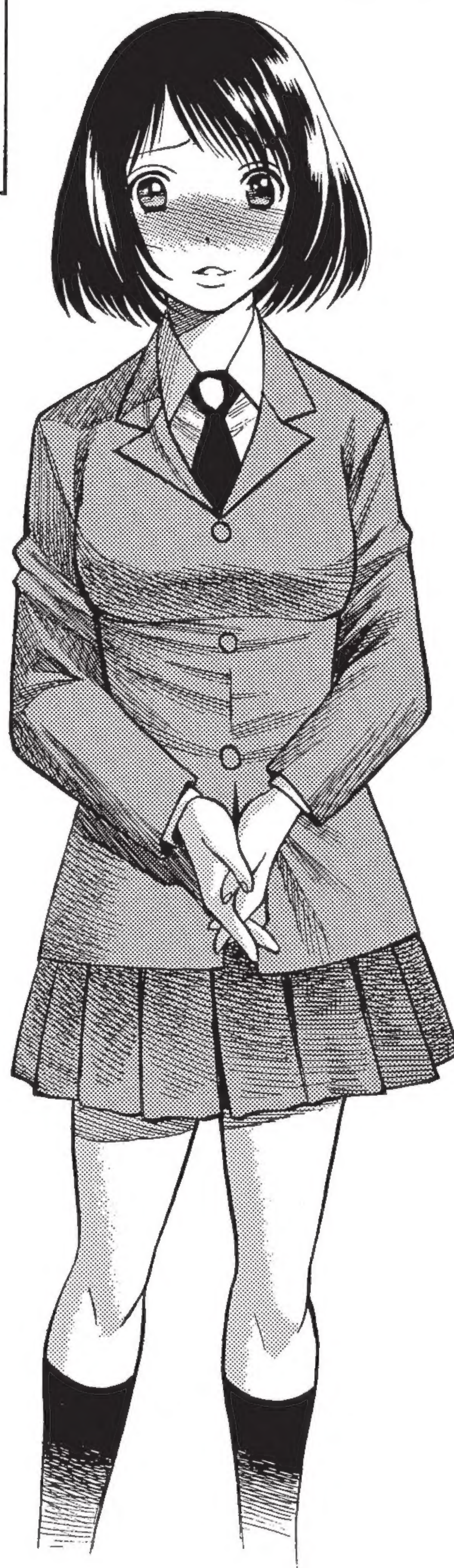


I'M  
SORRY.

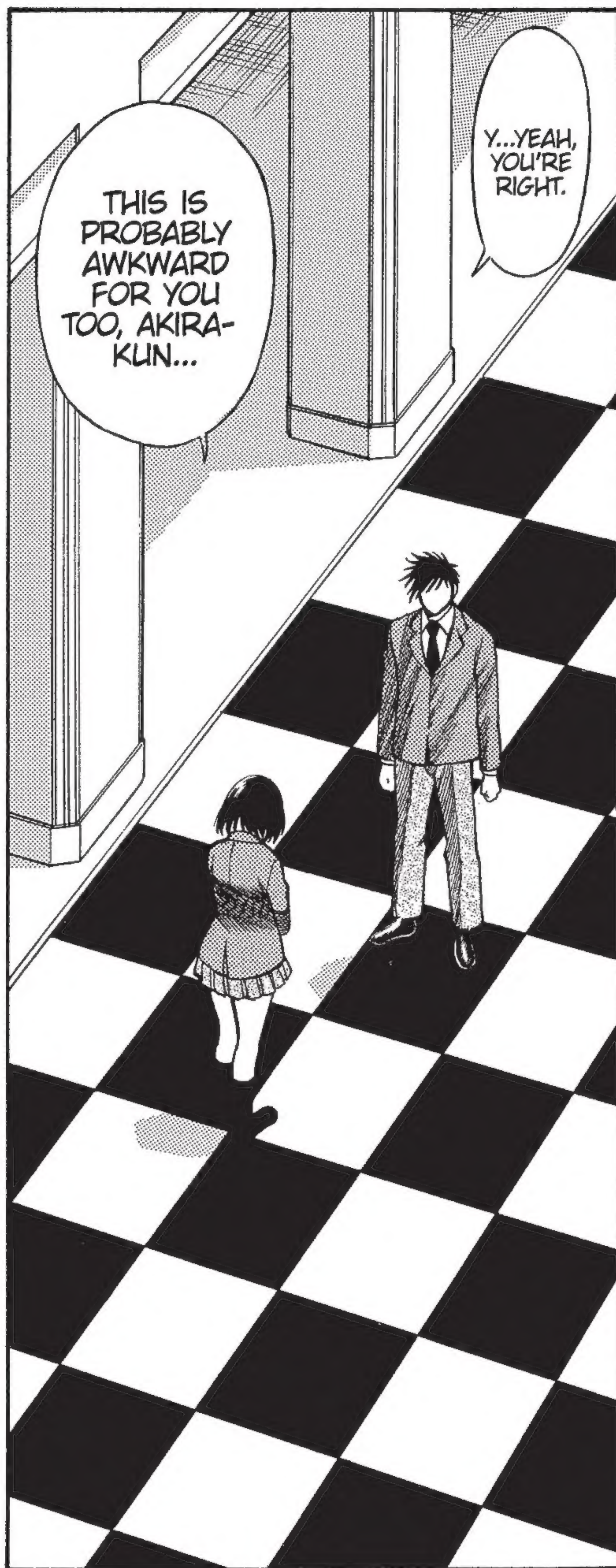
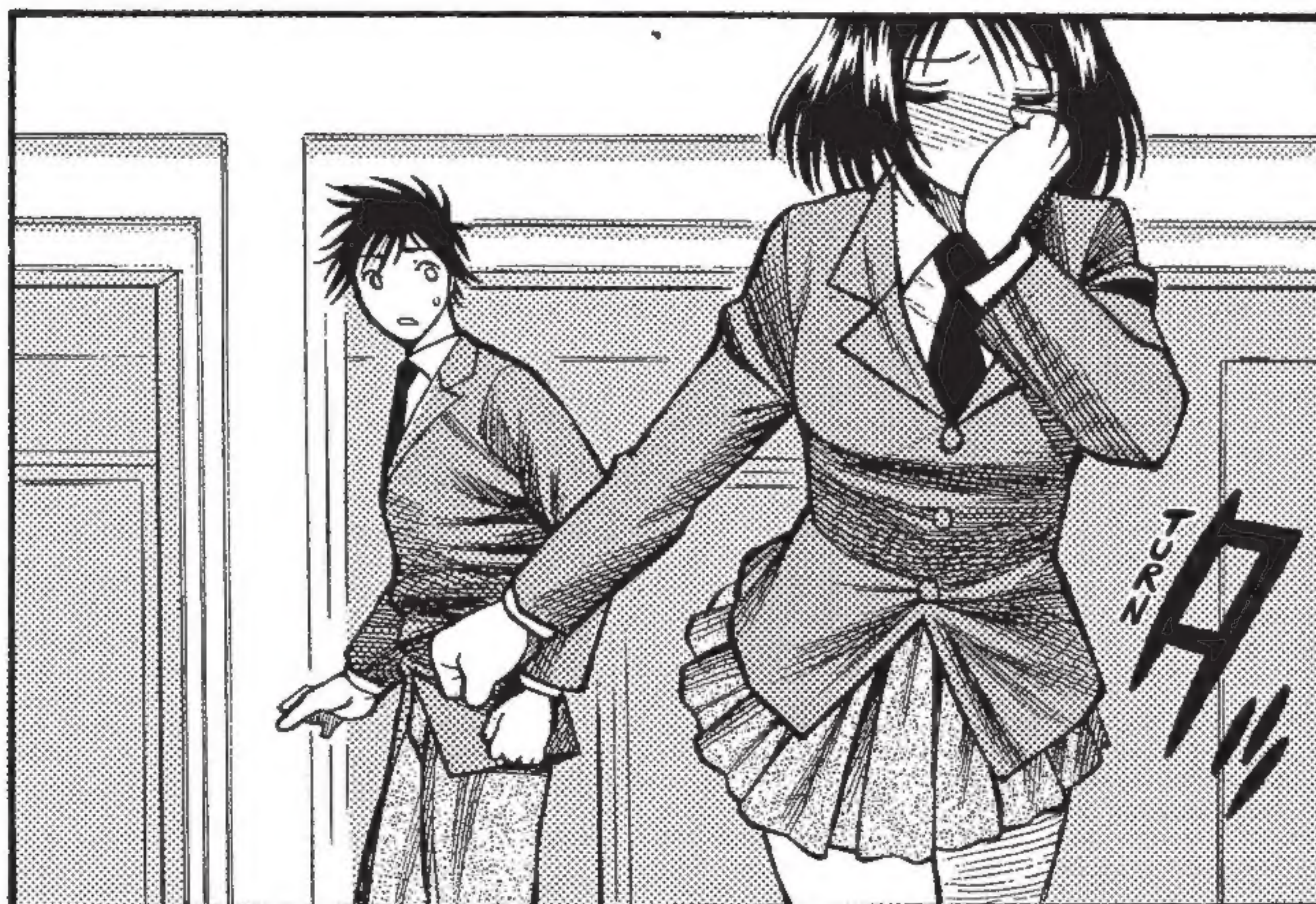
THE GIRL  
FROZE, A  
FLUSHED,  
HALF-GRIN  
ON HER  
FACE.

IN THAT  
INSTANT...

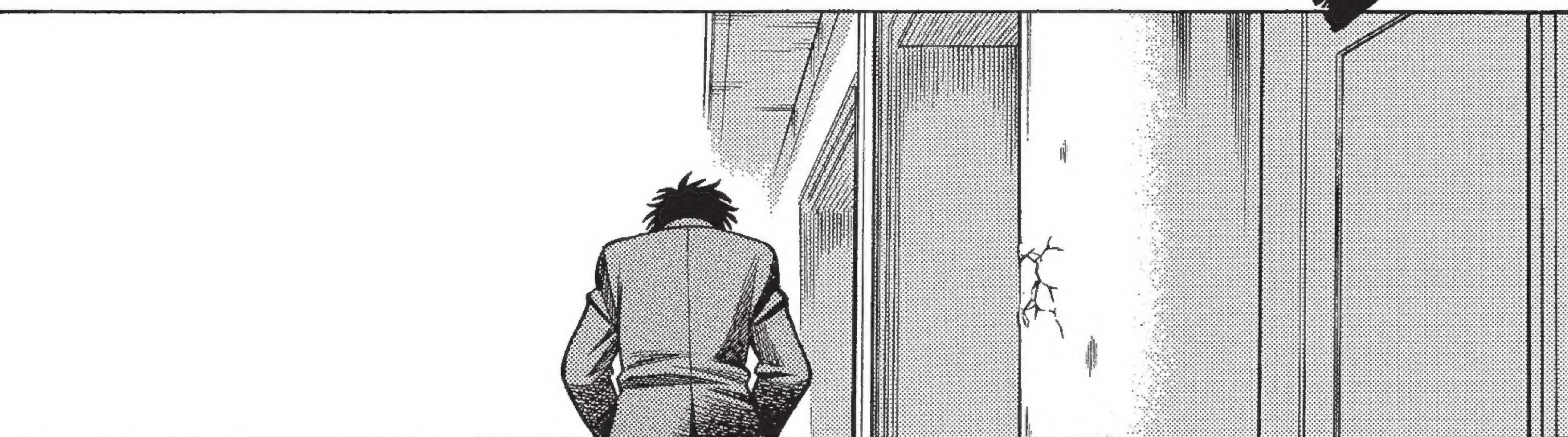
I...CAN'T  
GO OUT  
WITH YOU,  
YUKI.







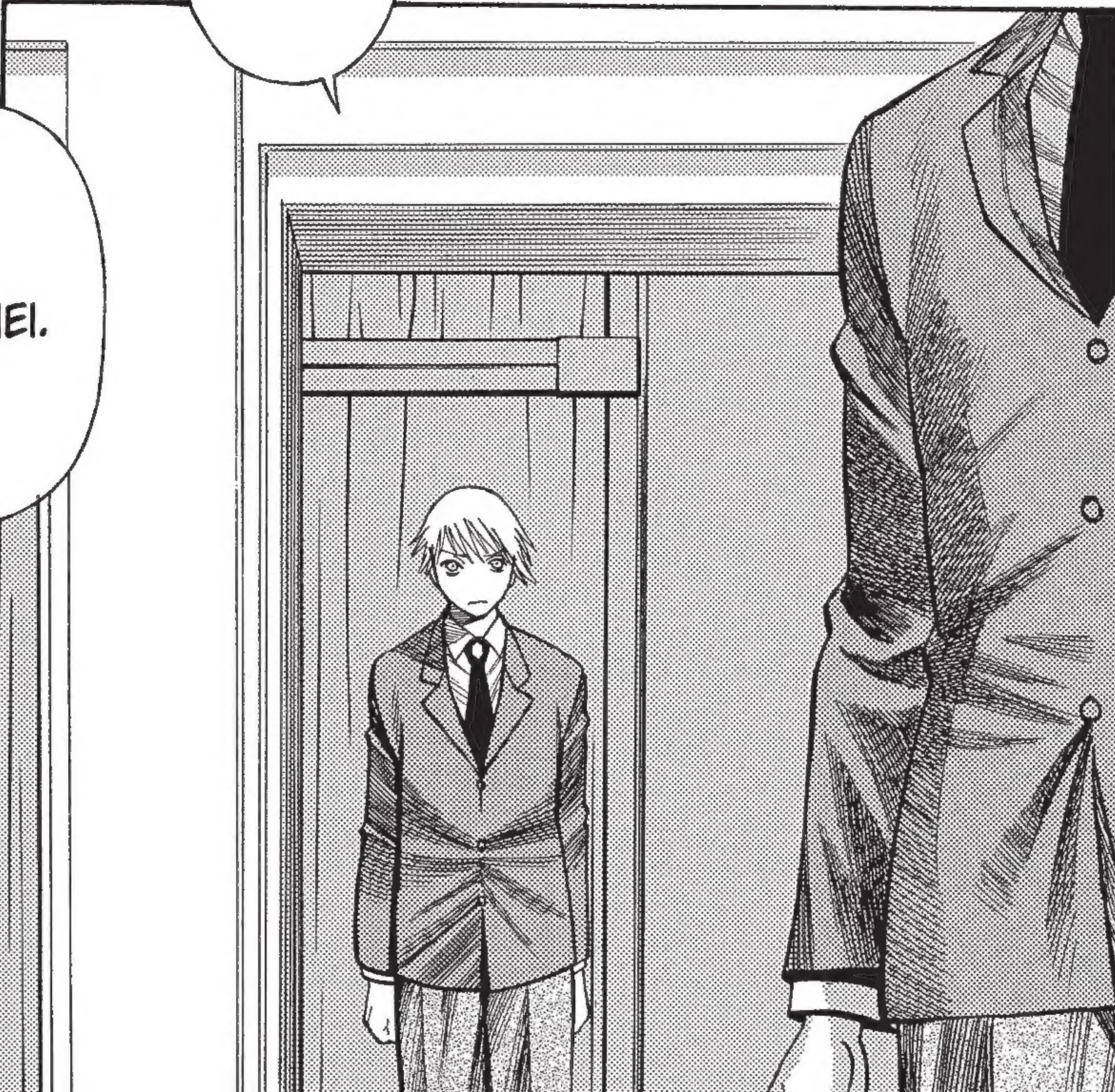




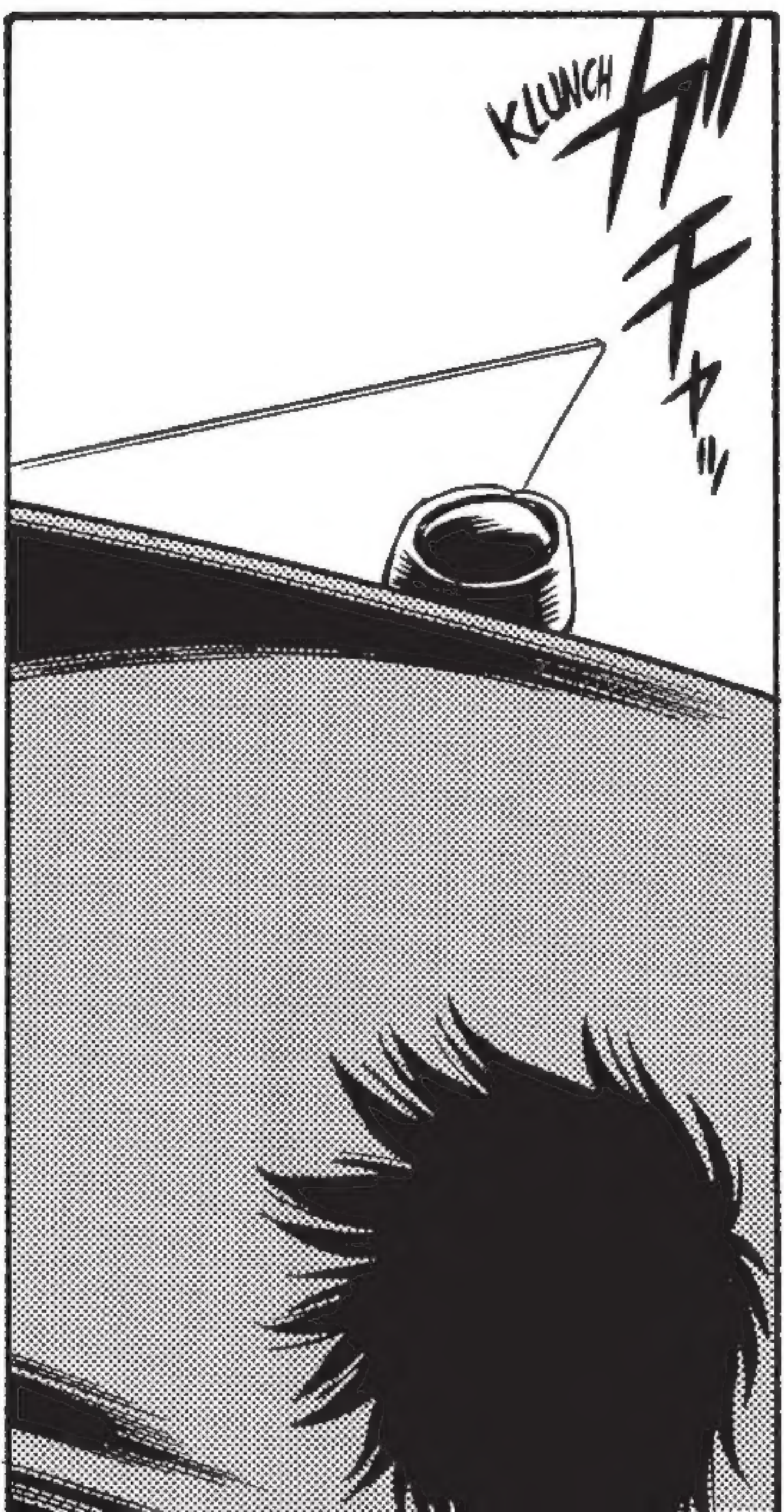
RYOHEI.



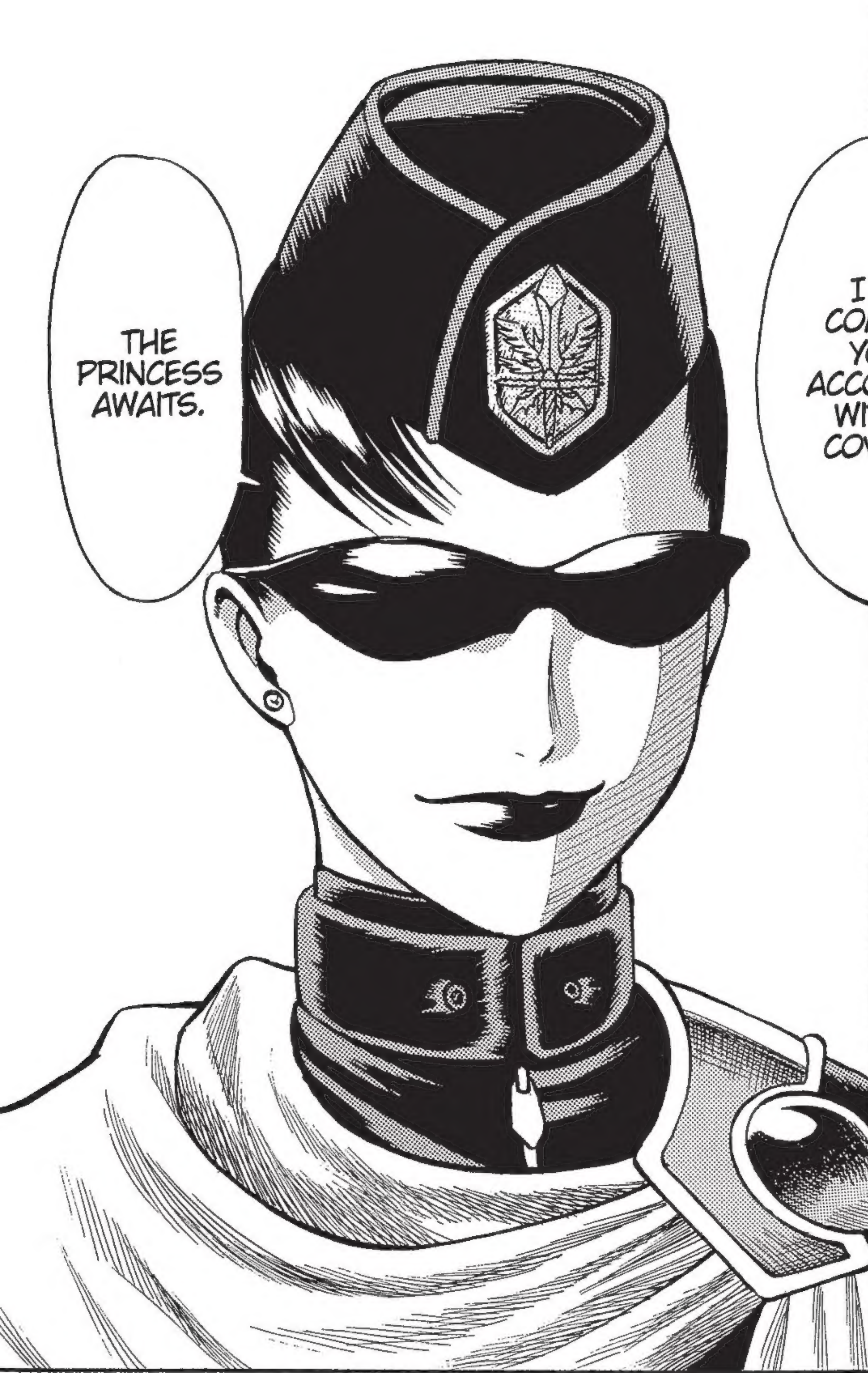
AKIRA.





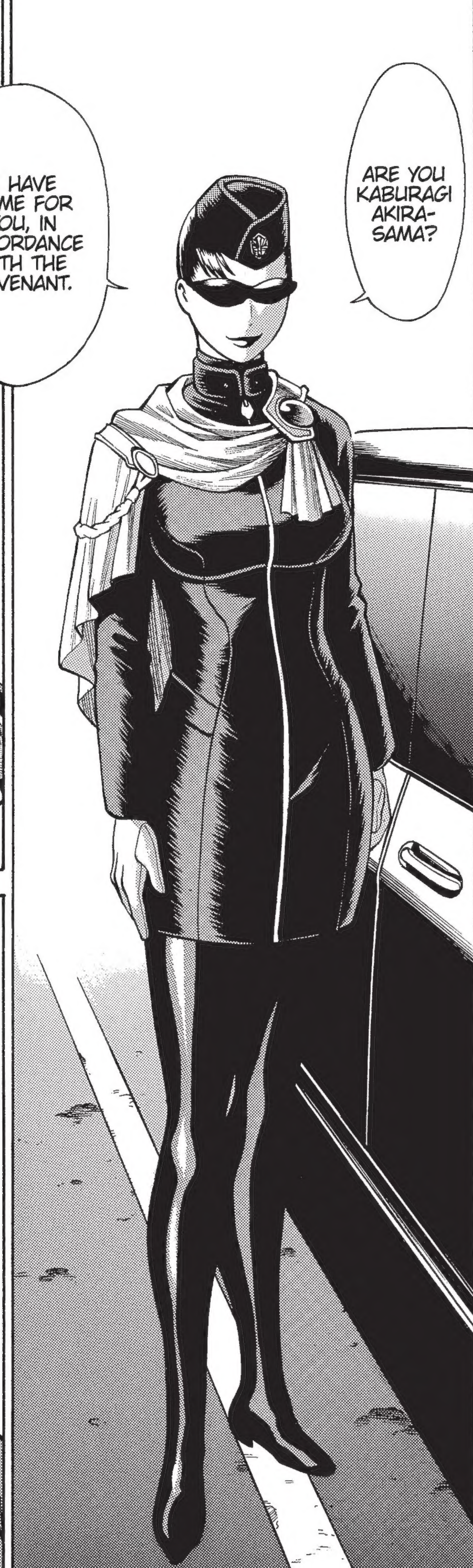






THE  
PRINCESS  
AWAITS.

I HAVE  
COME FOR  
YOU, IN  
ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE  
COVENANT.

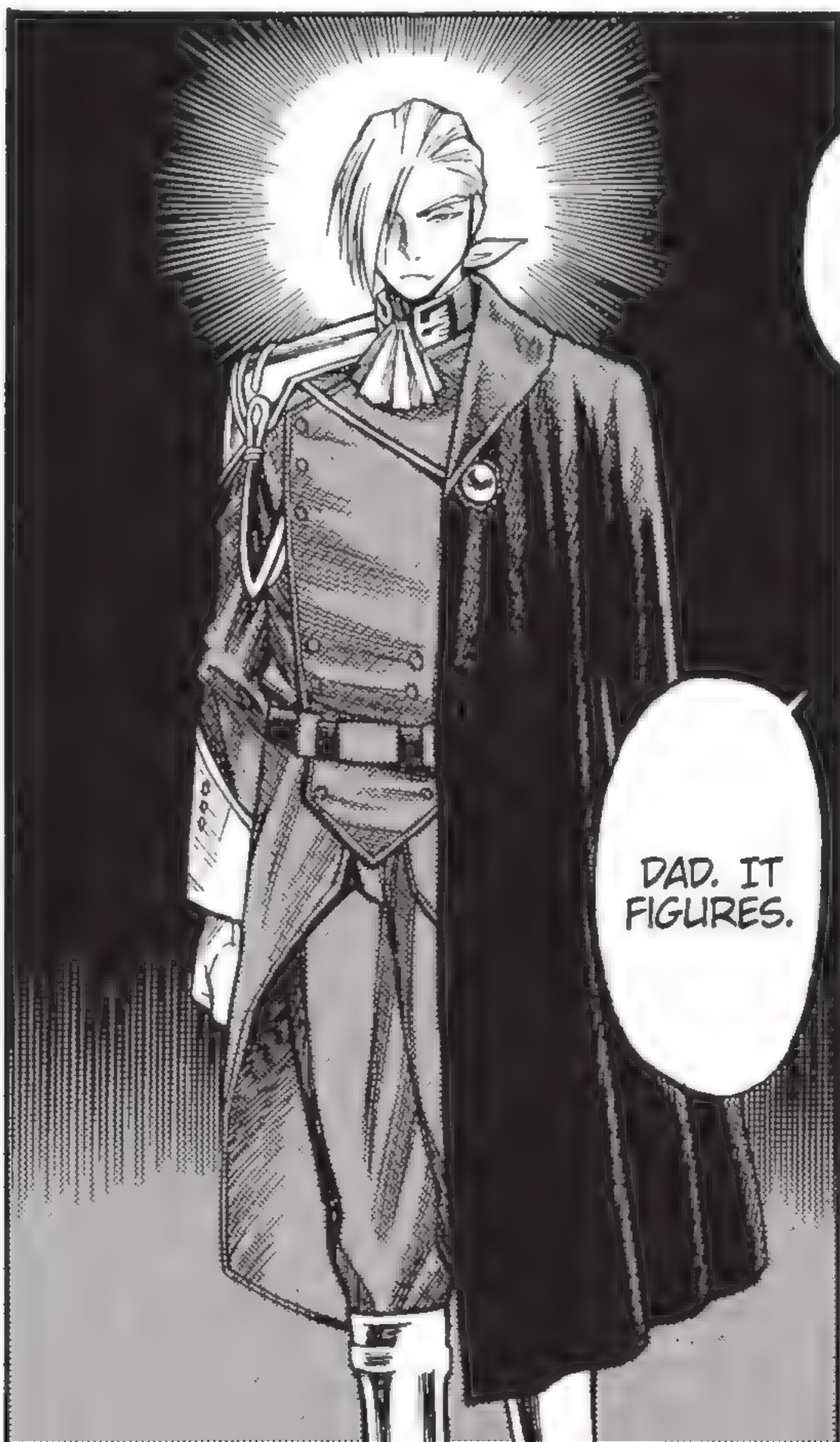


ARE YOU  
KABURAGI  
AKIRA-  
SAMA?

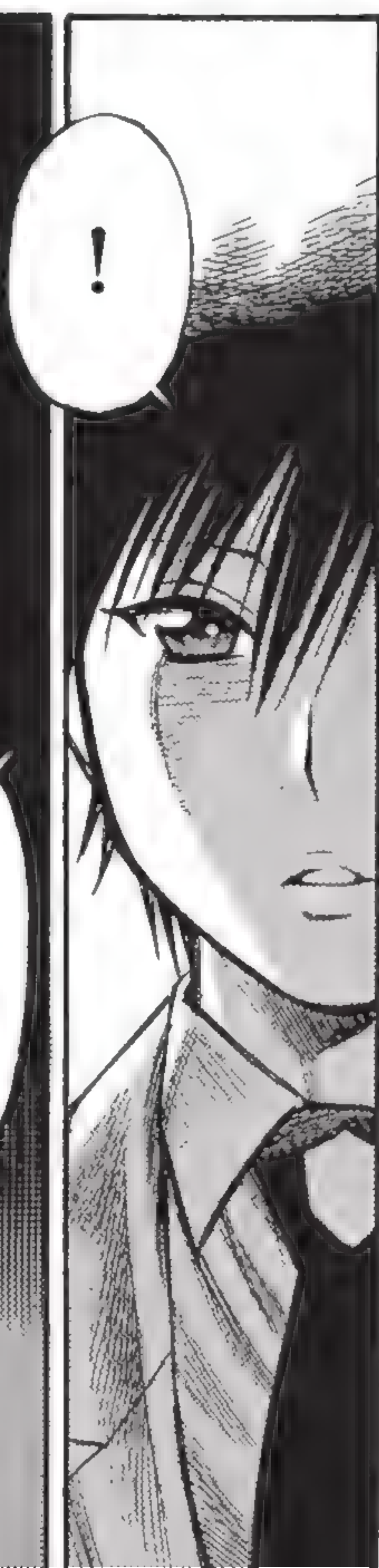


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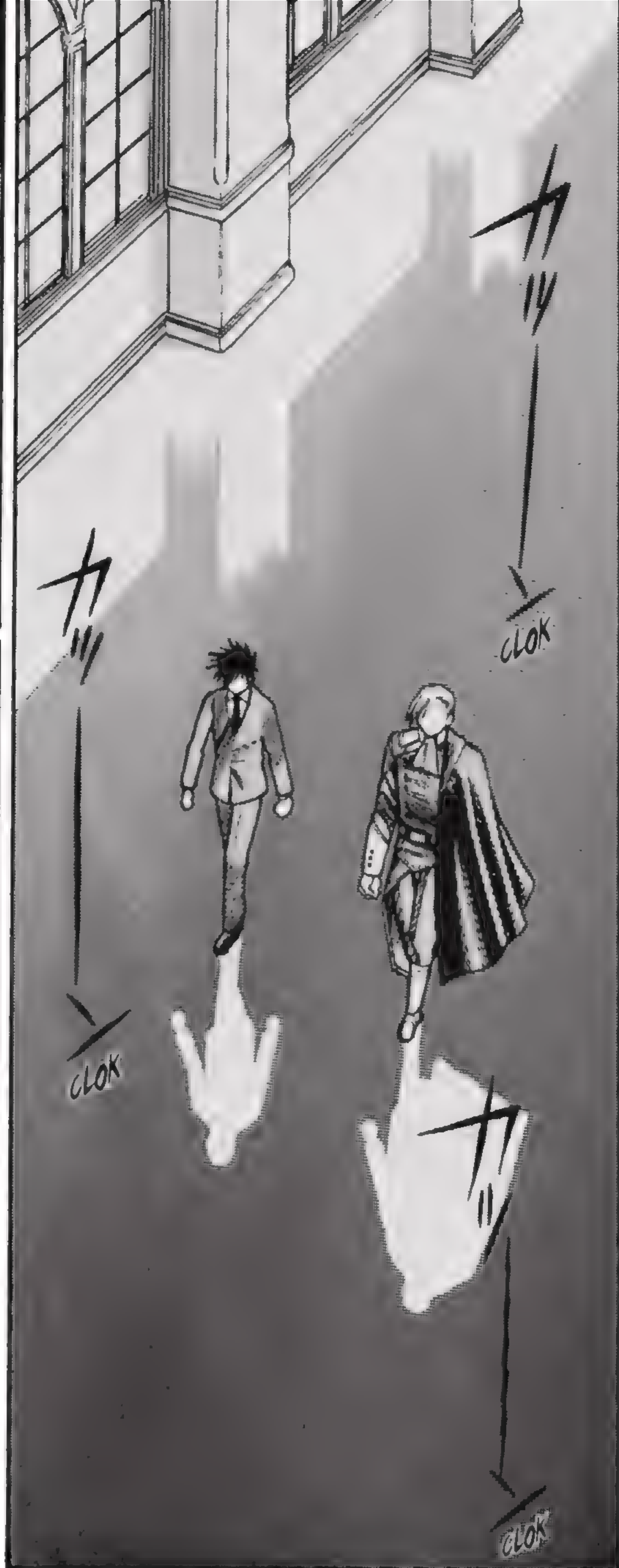
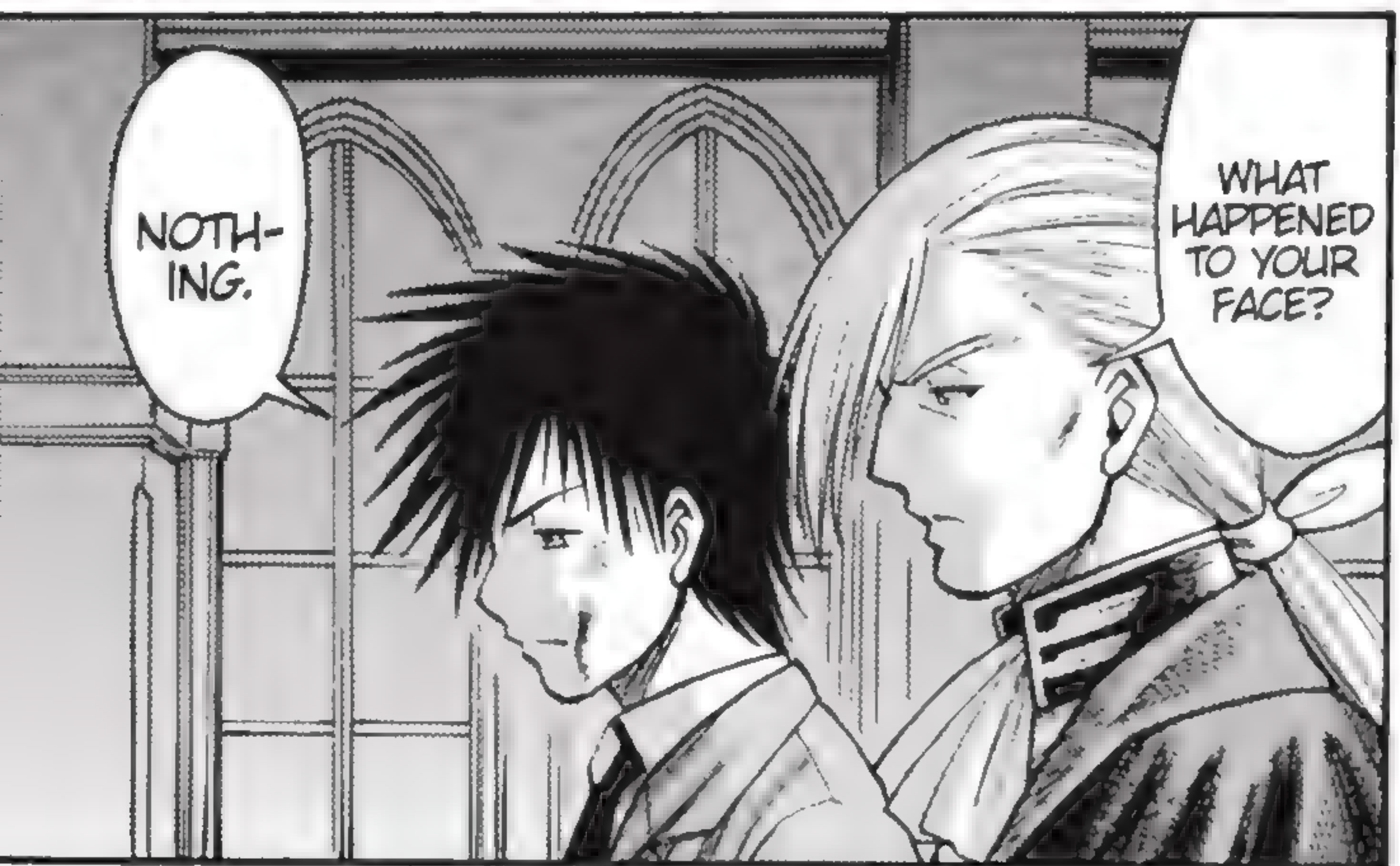
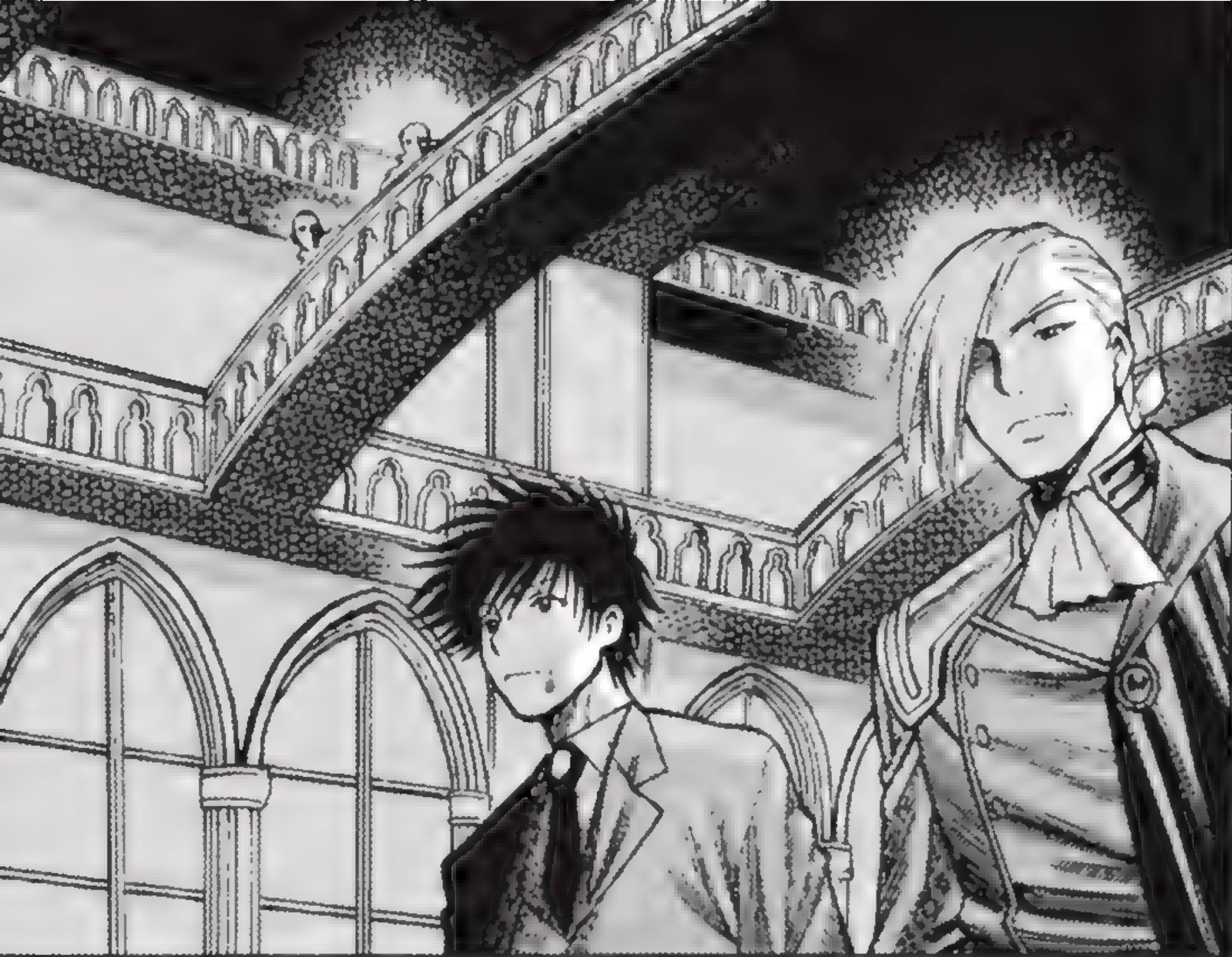




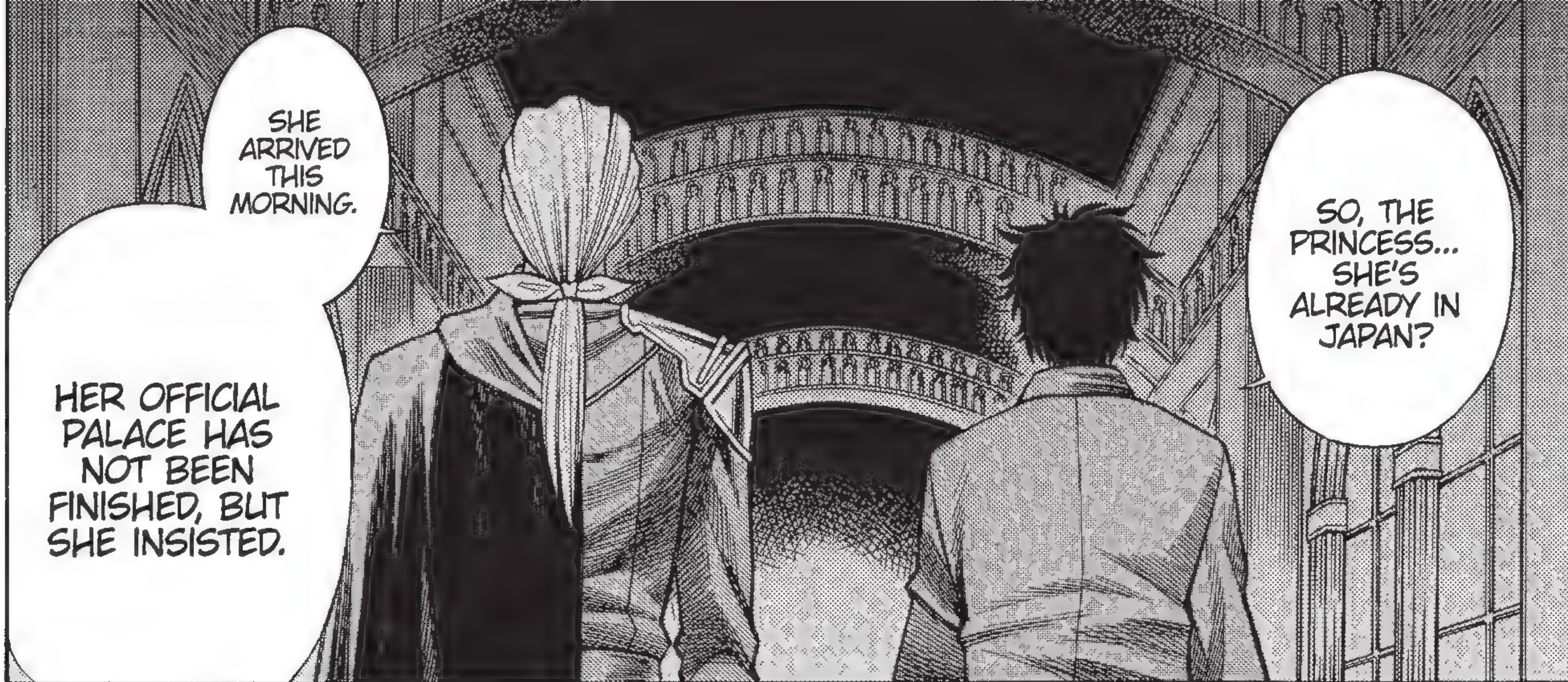
DAD. IT FIGURES.







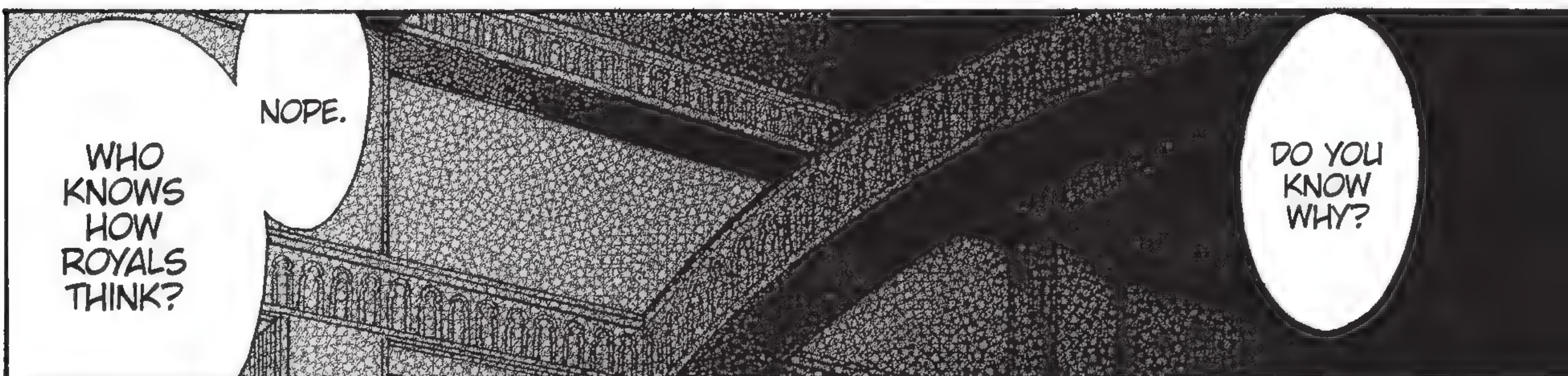




SHE  
ARRIVED  
THIS  
MORNING.

HER OFFICIAL  
PALACE HAS  
NOT BEEN  
FINISHED, BUT  
SHE INSISTED.

SO, THE  
PRINCESS...  
SHE'S  
ALREADY IN  
JAPAN?



NOPE.

WHO  
KNOWS  
HOW  
ROYALS  
THINK?

DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHY?



STARTING  
TODAY, YOU WILL  
REMAIN BY HER  
HIGHNESS'S SIDE  
AS HER **SERVANT**,  
IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE ANCIENT  
COVENANT.

IT'S BECAUSE  
TODAY IS YOUR  
SEVENTEENTH  
**BIRTHDAY.**

.....





RAISE  
↑  
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IF YOU  
DON'T  
PISS OFF...  
I'M  
LEAVING.

YOU  
CAN'T GO  
BEFORE  
HER  
HIGHNESS  
LOOKING  
LIKE  
THAT--



PLEASE  
CHANGE  
INTO  
THESE.

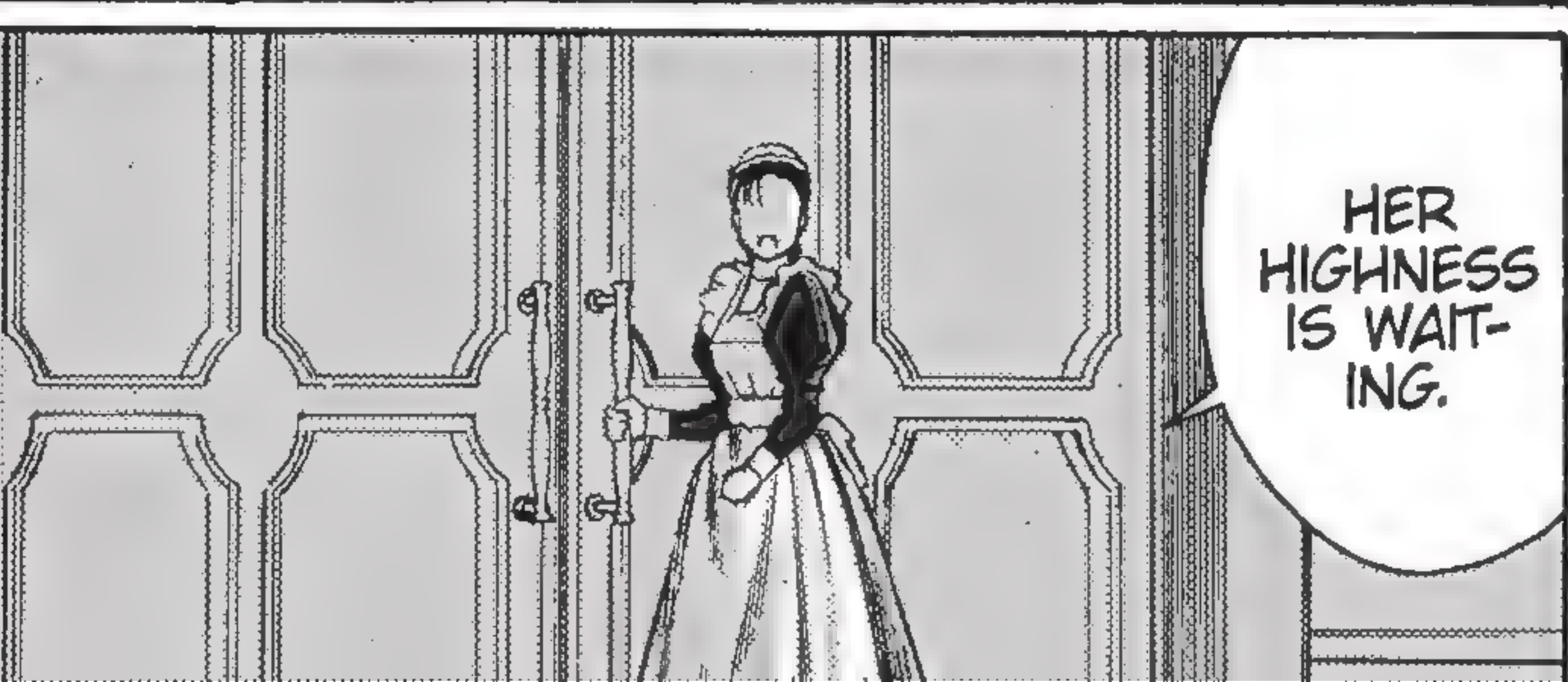
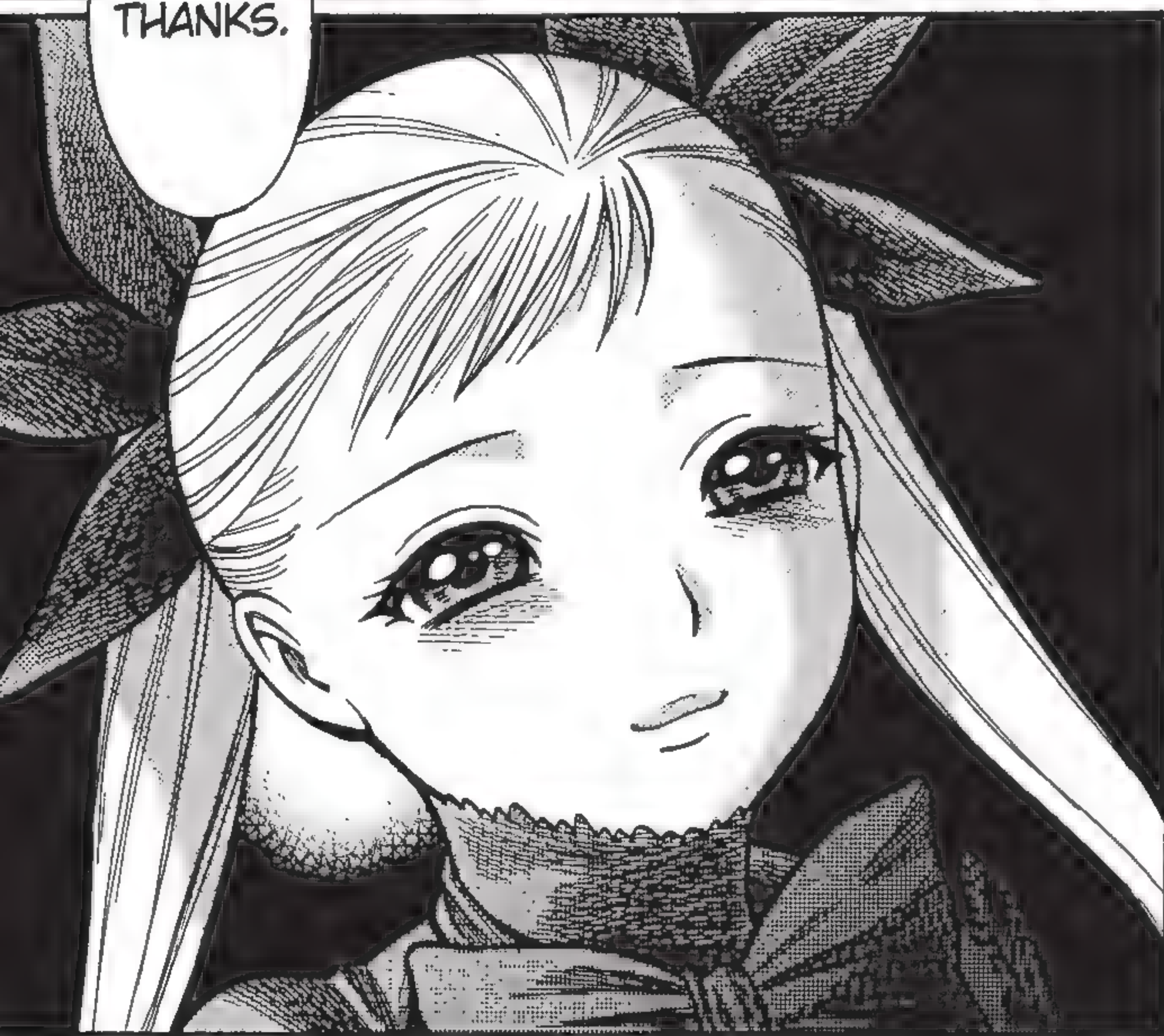
I'M  
FINE.



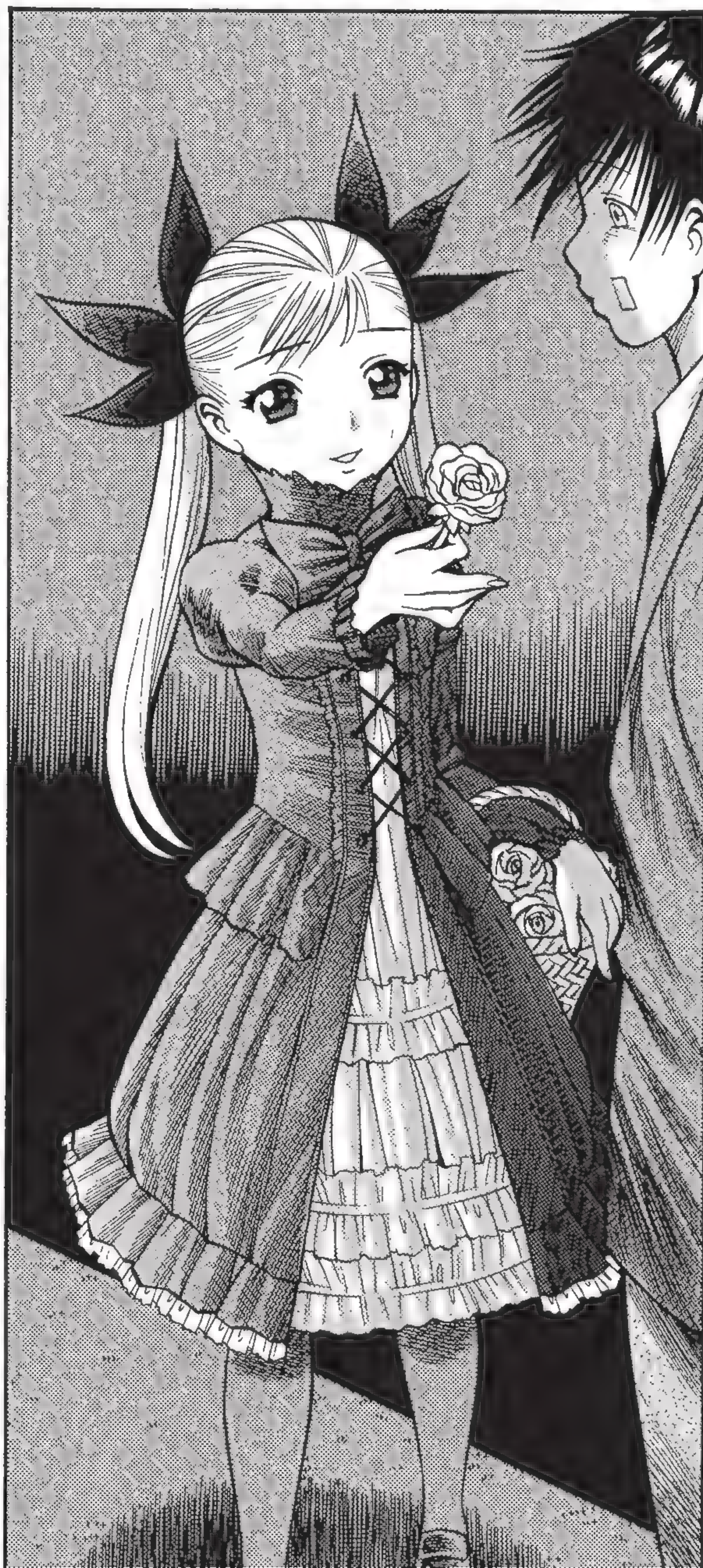
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

THIS IS  
MORE MY  
STYLE.

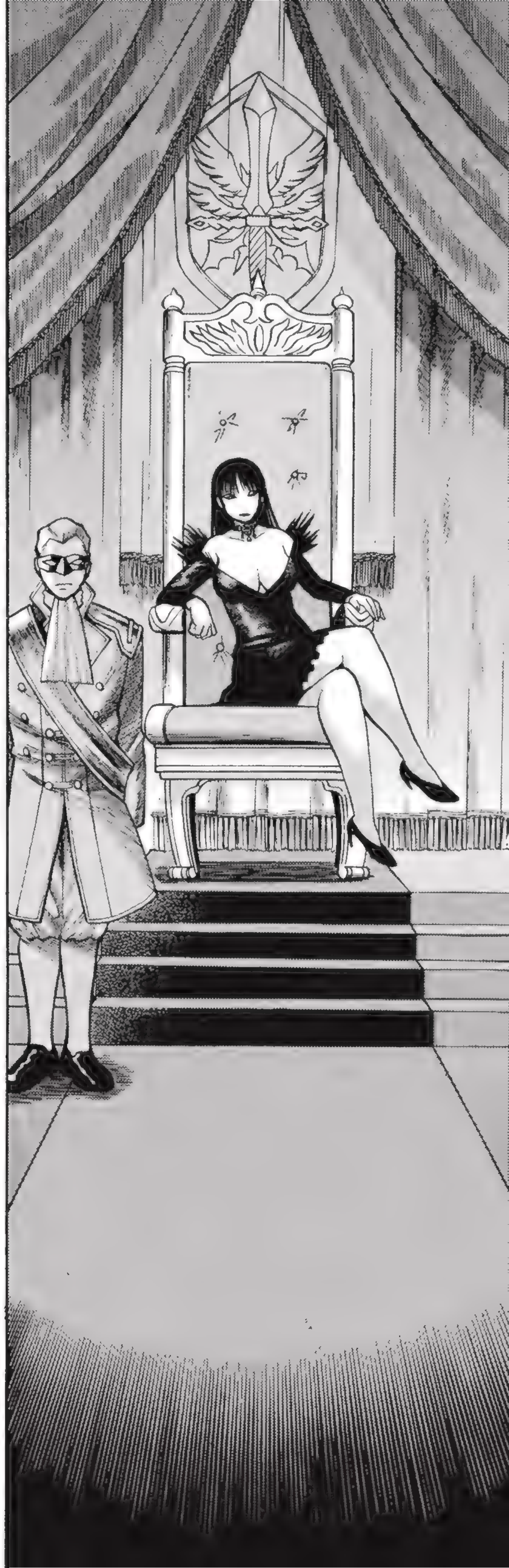
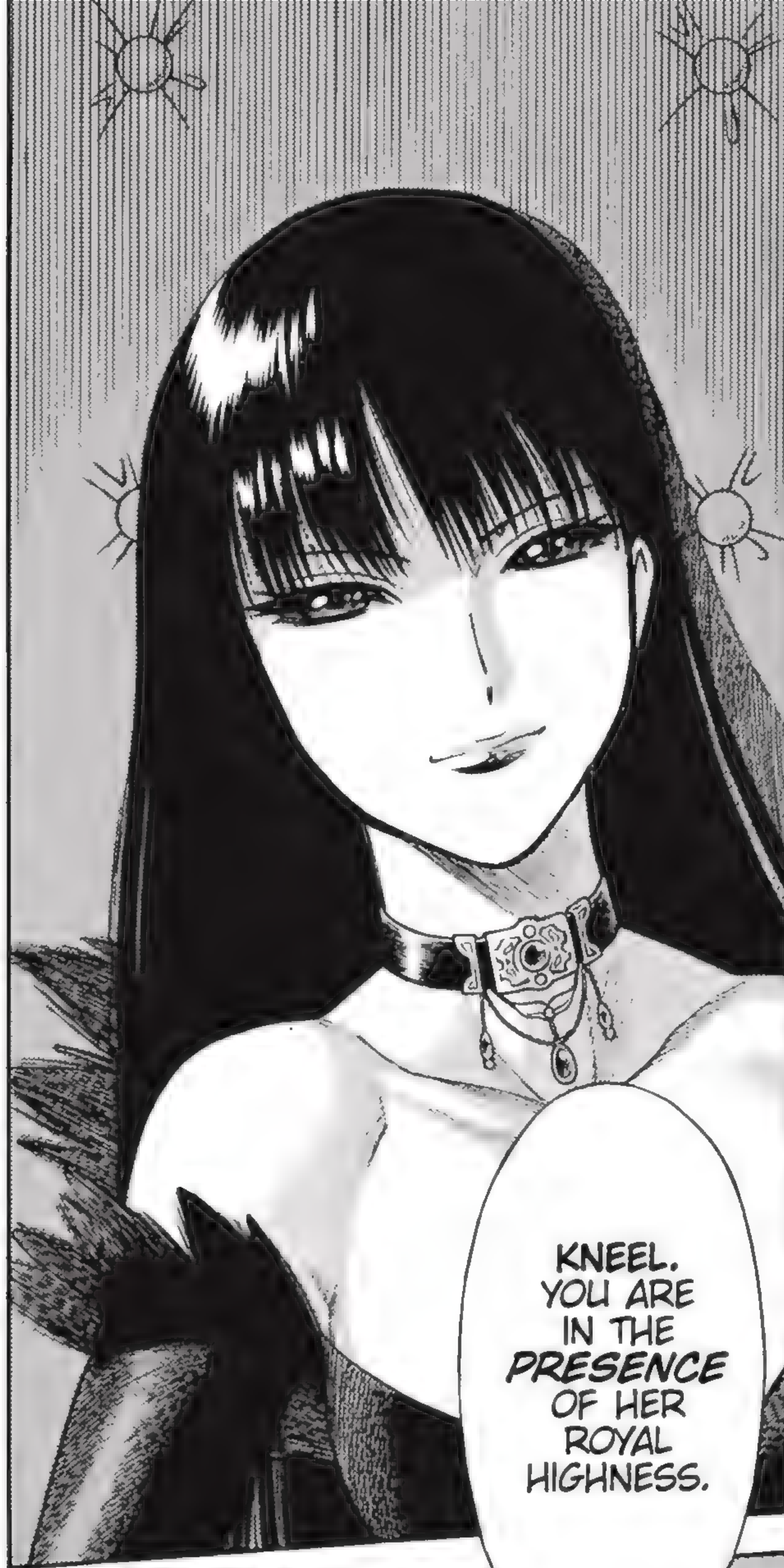
THANKS.



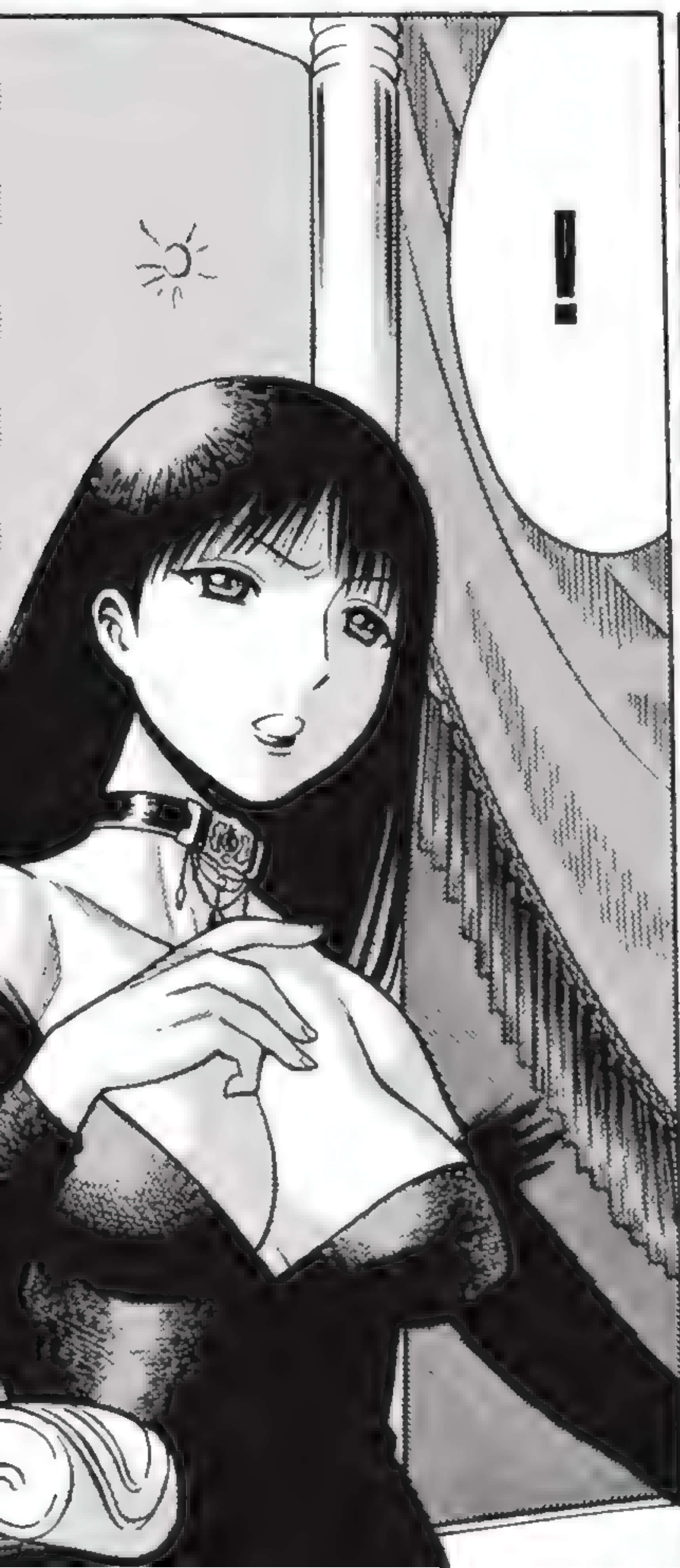
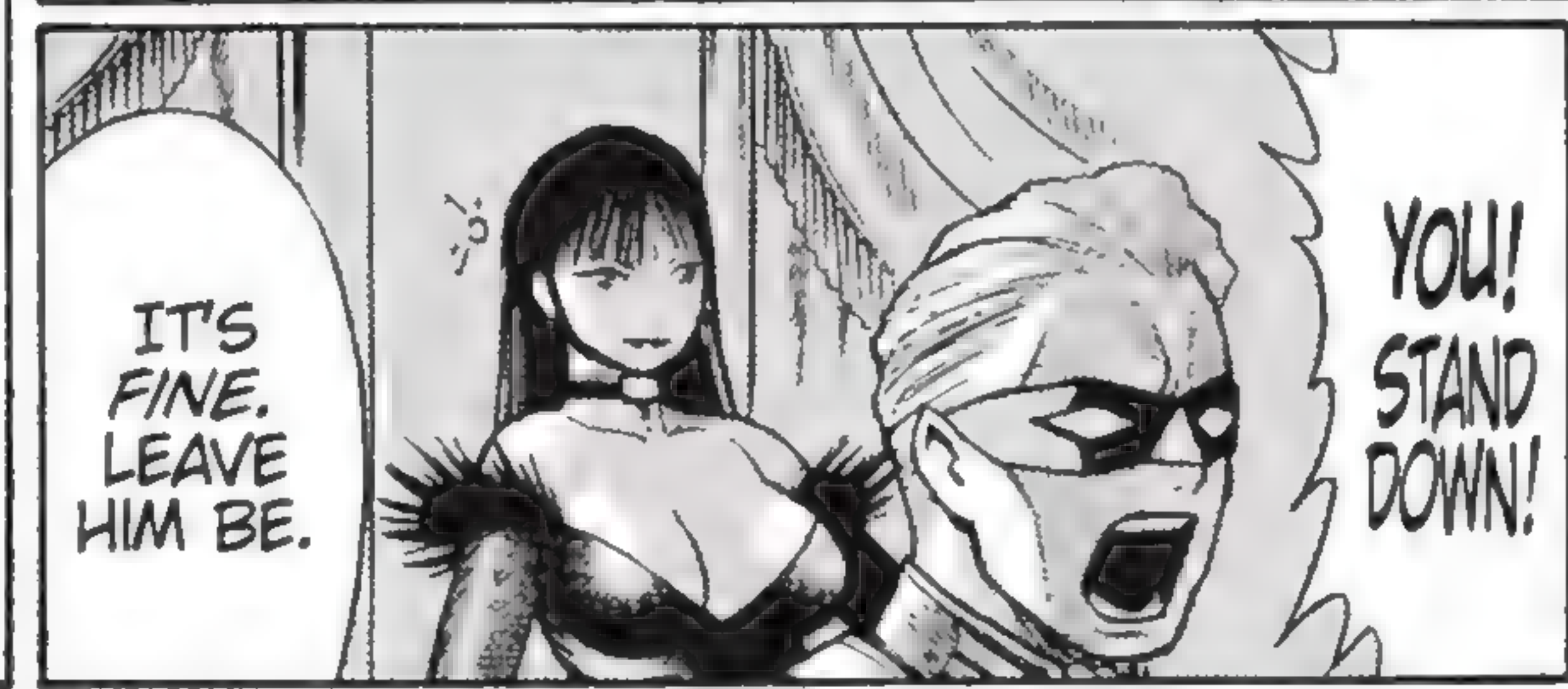
HER  
HIGHNESS  
IS WAIT-  
ING.















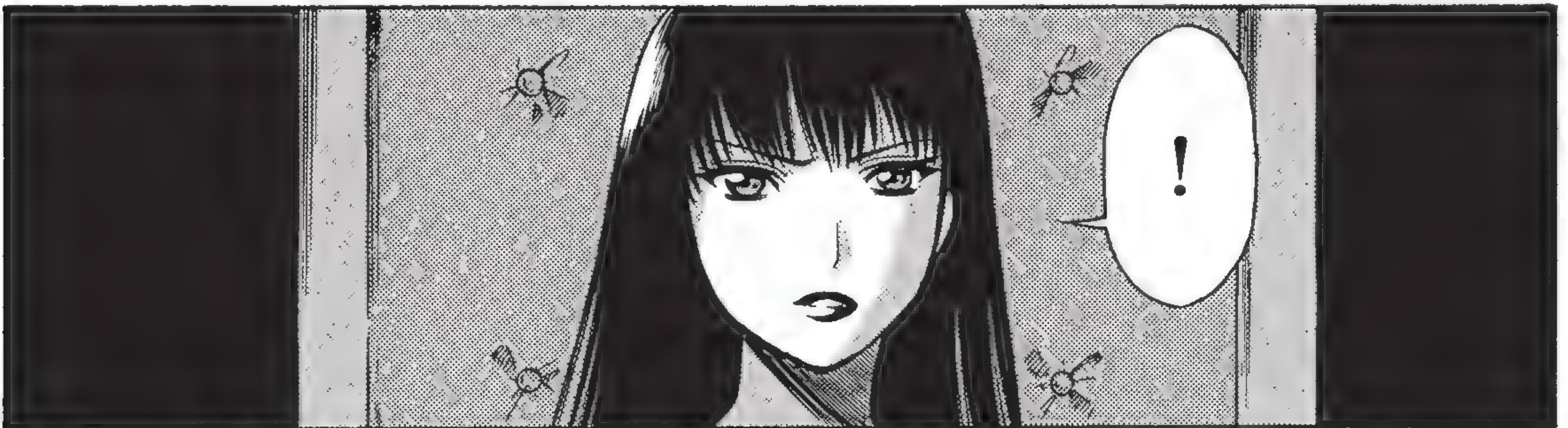
THAT  
PERSON  
ISN'T THE  
PRINCESS.

OF  
COURSE  
I'M NOT.

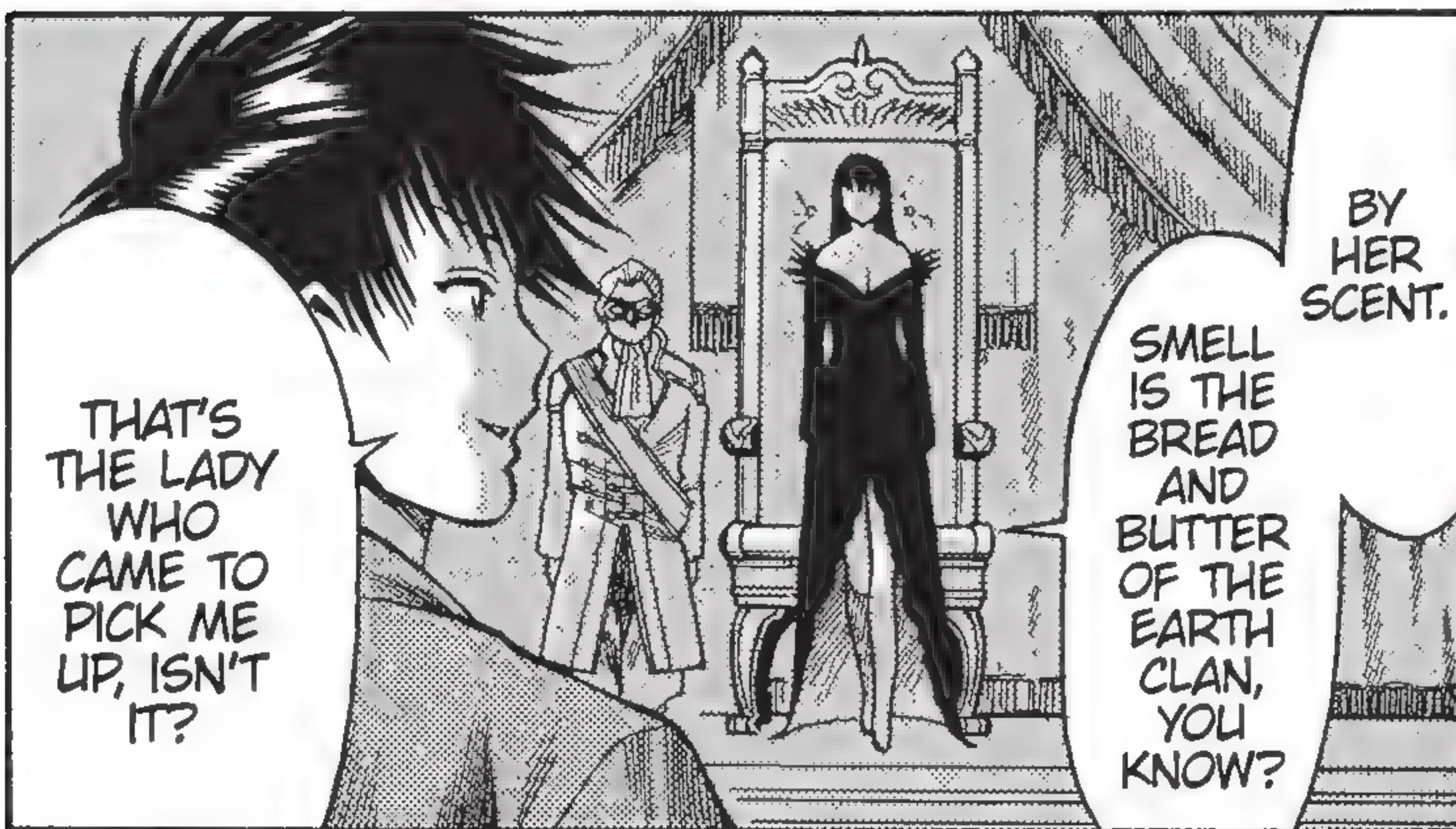


WHAT  
DID  
YOU  
JUST  
SAY...  
?!

YOU'RE  
NOT  
GOING TO  
ACCEPT  
THE  
SUMMONS  
OF HER  
ROYAL  
HIGH-  
NESS?!



!



THAT'S  
THE LADY  
WHO  
CAME TO  
PICK ME  
UP, ISN'T  
IT?

BY  
HER  
SCENT.

SMELL  
IS THE  
BREAD  
AND  
BUTTER  
OF THE  
EARTH  
CLAN,  
YOU  
KNOW?



THERE'S  
NO WAY  
SOMEONE  
FROM YOUR  
CLAN COULD  
HAVE GROWN  
SO MUCH IN  
THAT TIME.

AND  
BESIDES,  
HIME-SAN,  
THE LAST  
TIME I SAW  
YOU WAS  
SEVEN  
YEARS  
AGO.



HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW?

!





AM I  
RIGHT...

HIME-  
SAN?





HEH. I'M  
NOT THAT  
OUT OF IT.

YOU ARE  
STILL TINY,  
AFTER ALL.



IT  
APPEARS  
THAT YOU  
REMEMBER  
MY FACE.

I'M  
IMPRESSED.



IT'S AN  
HONOR,  
YOUR  
HIGH-  
NESS.



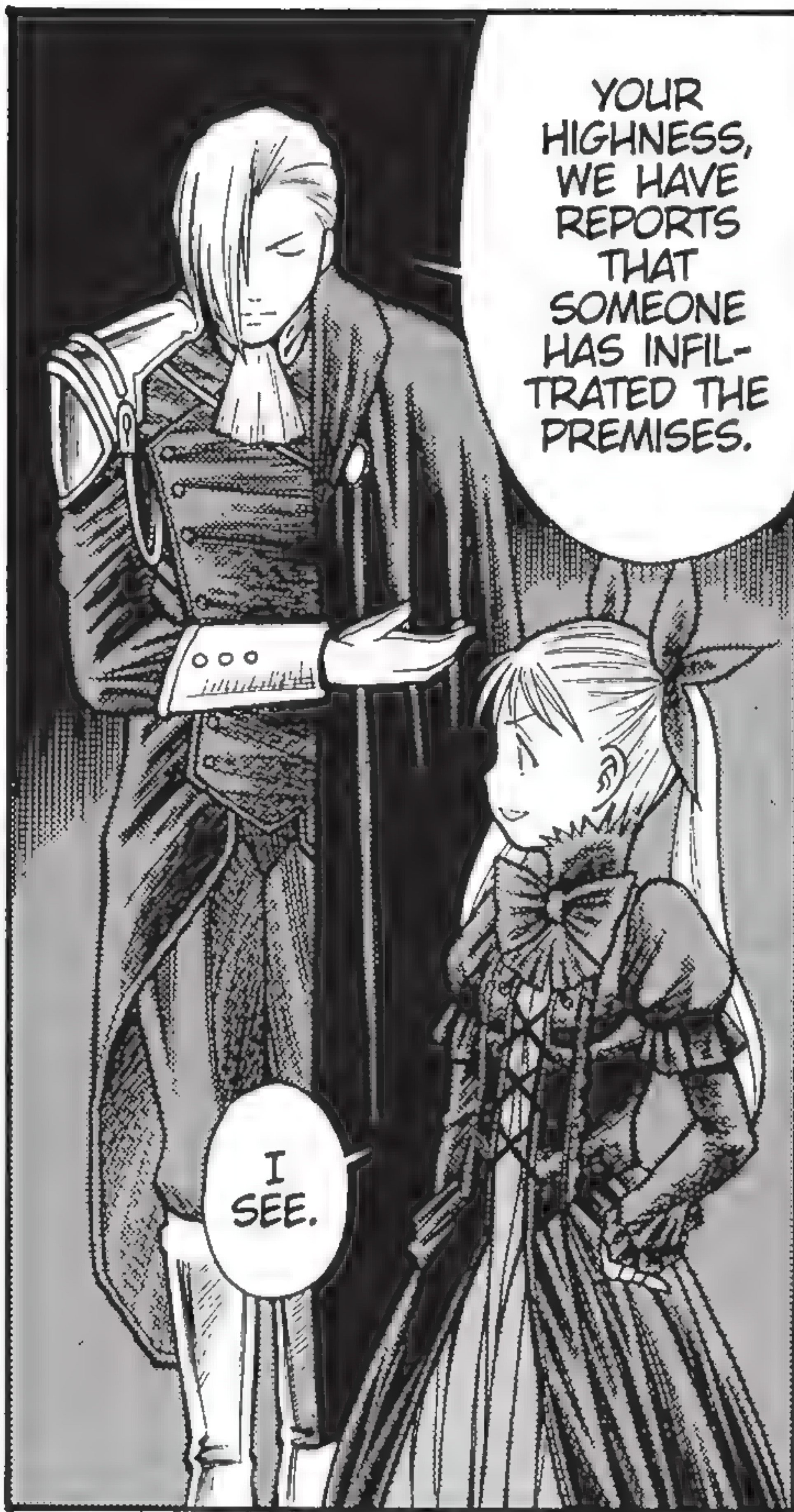
SHEESH.



YOU  
RAISED  
HIM  
WELL,  
WOLF-  
GANG.

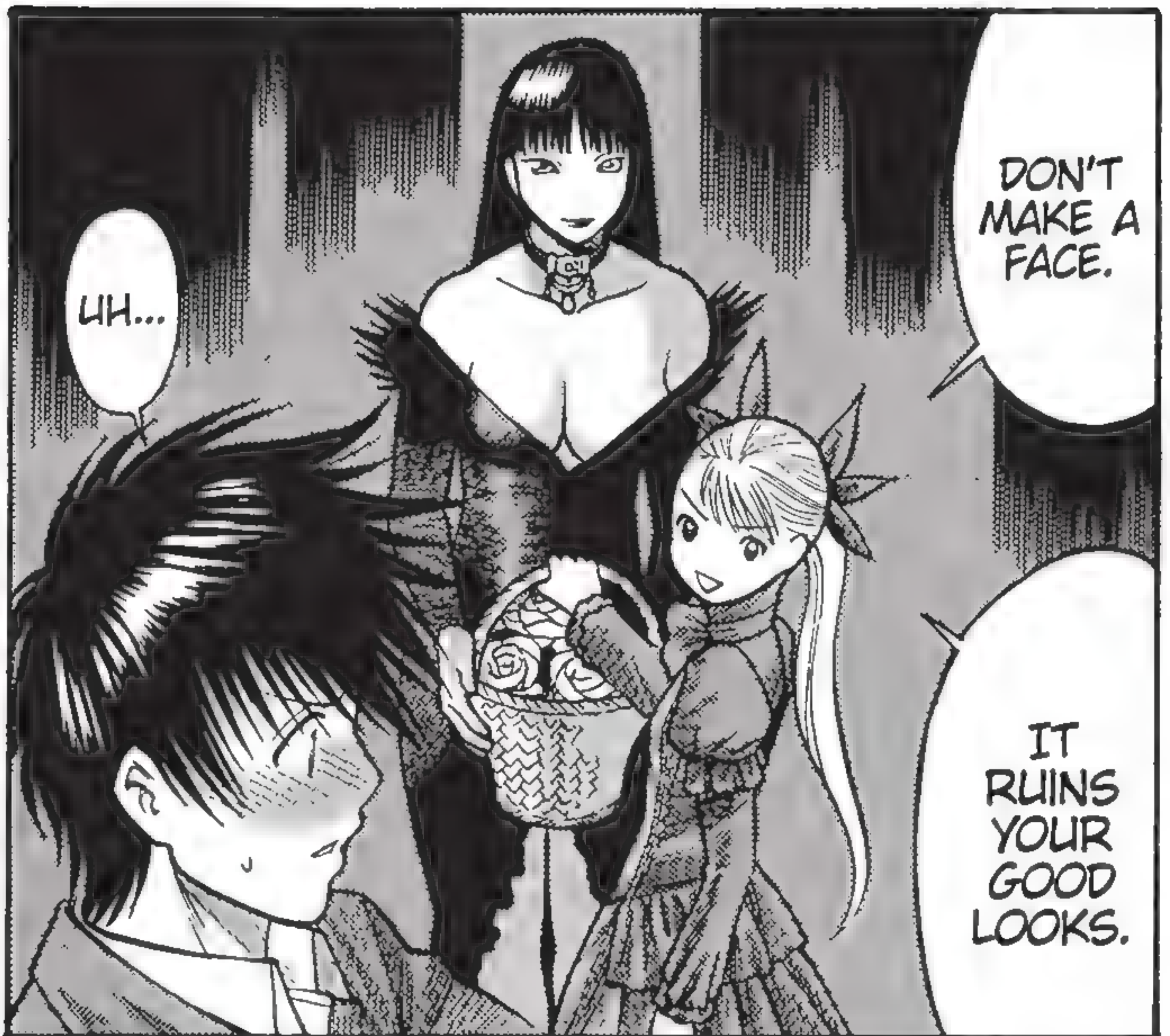
HE'LL  
MAKE  
A FINE  
SERVANT.





YOUR HIGHNESS, WE HAVE REPORTS THAT SOMEONE HAS INFILTRATED THE PREMISES.

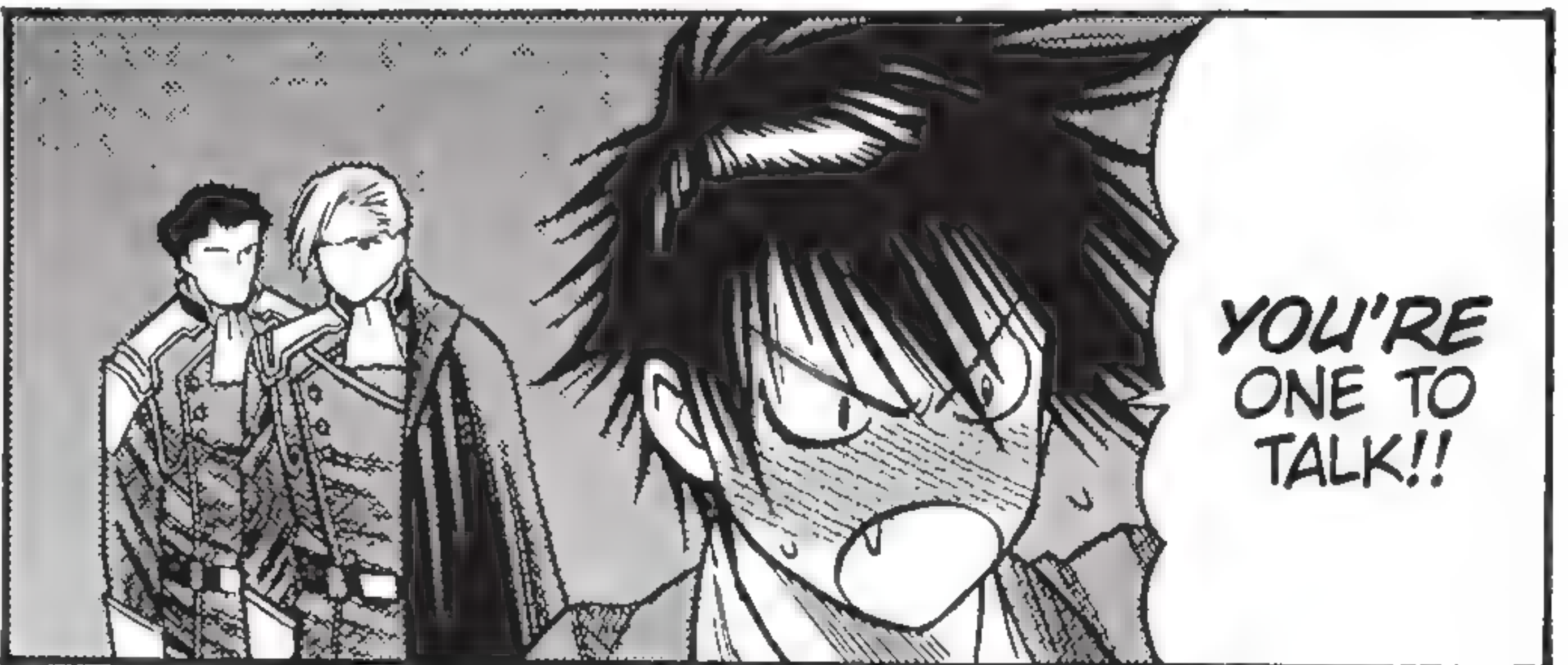
I SEE.



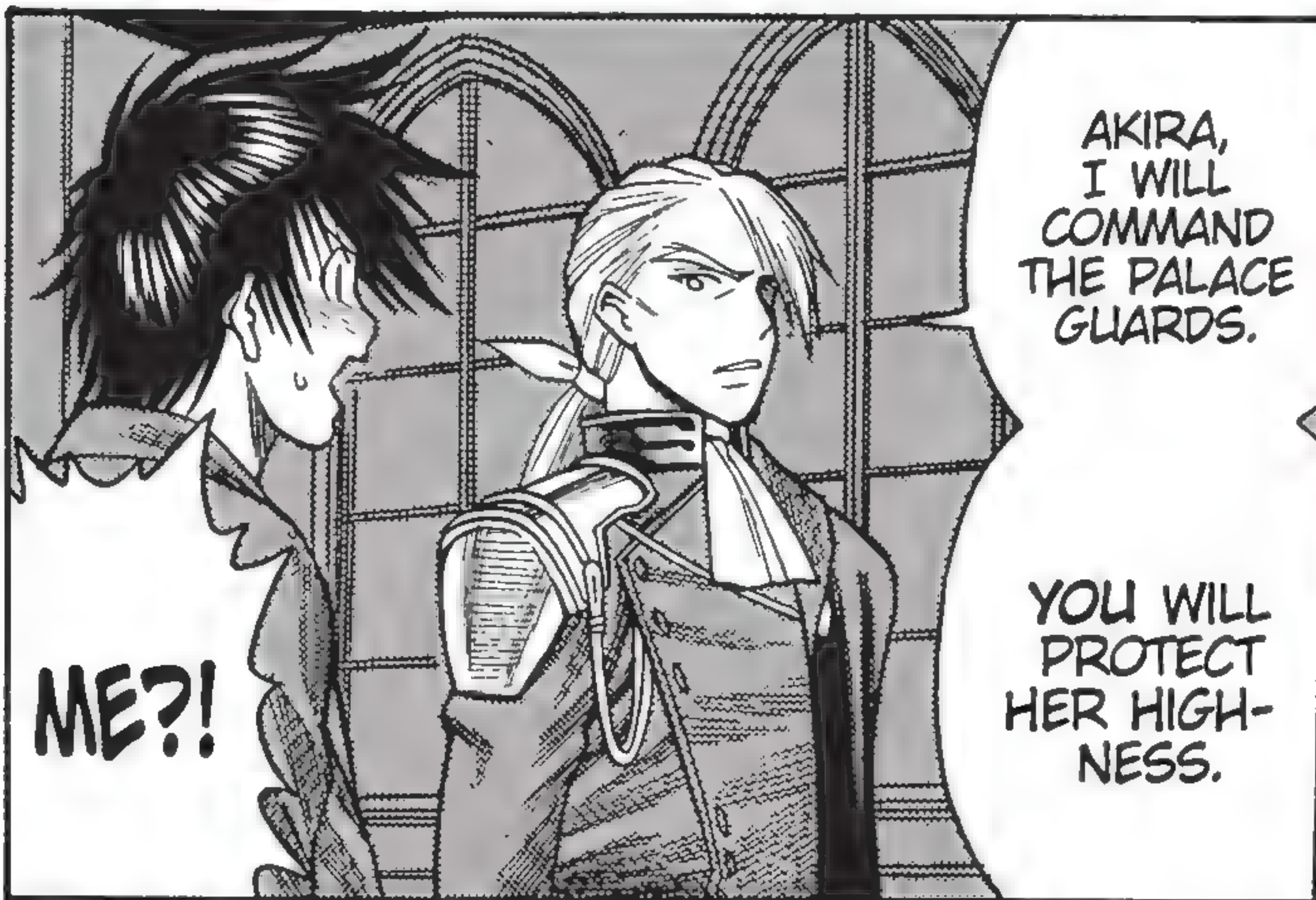
UH...

DON'T MAKE A FACE.

IT RUINS YOUR GOOD LOOKS.



YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!!



AKIRA, I WILL COMMAND THE PALACE GUARDS.

YOU WILL PROTECT HER HIGHNESS.

ME?!



OF COURSE. THAT IS WHY YOU ARE SERVING BY HER SIDE.

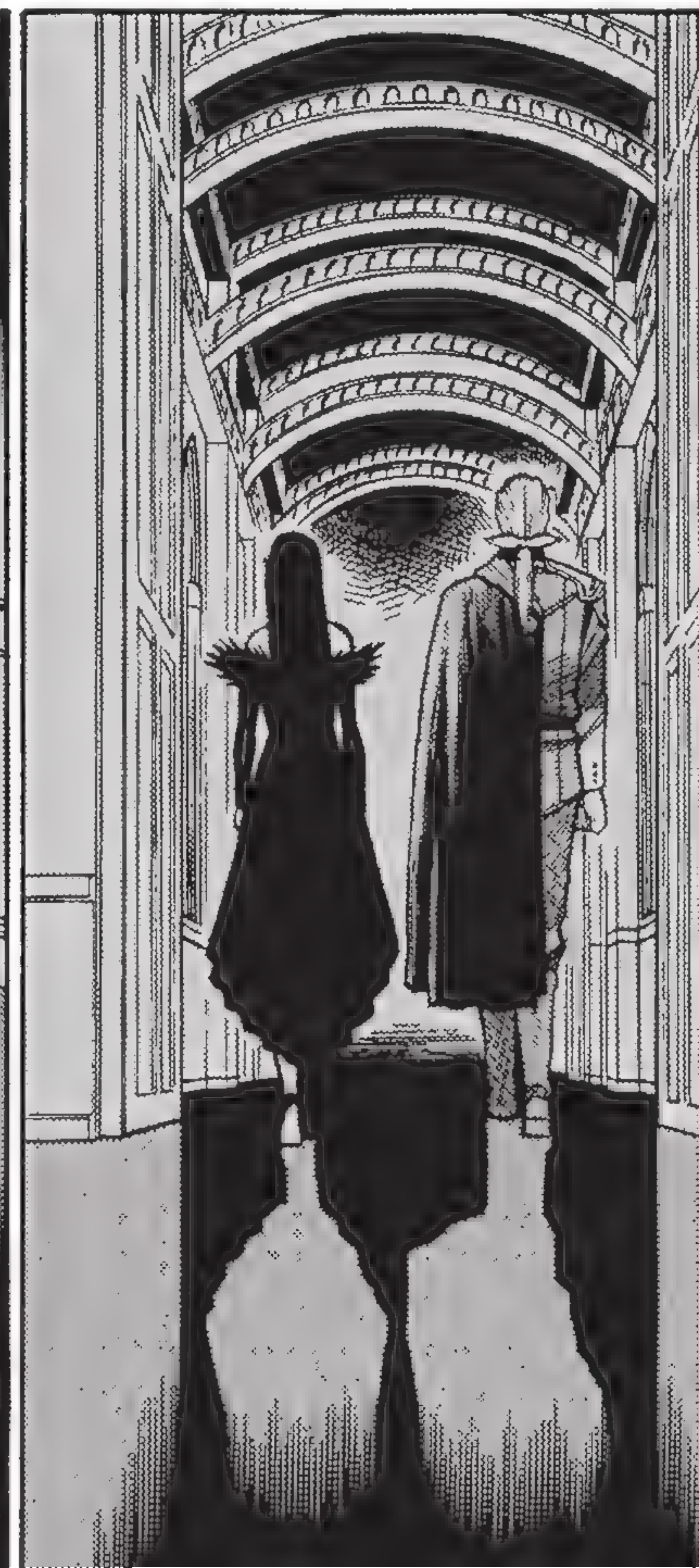
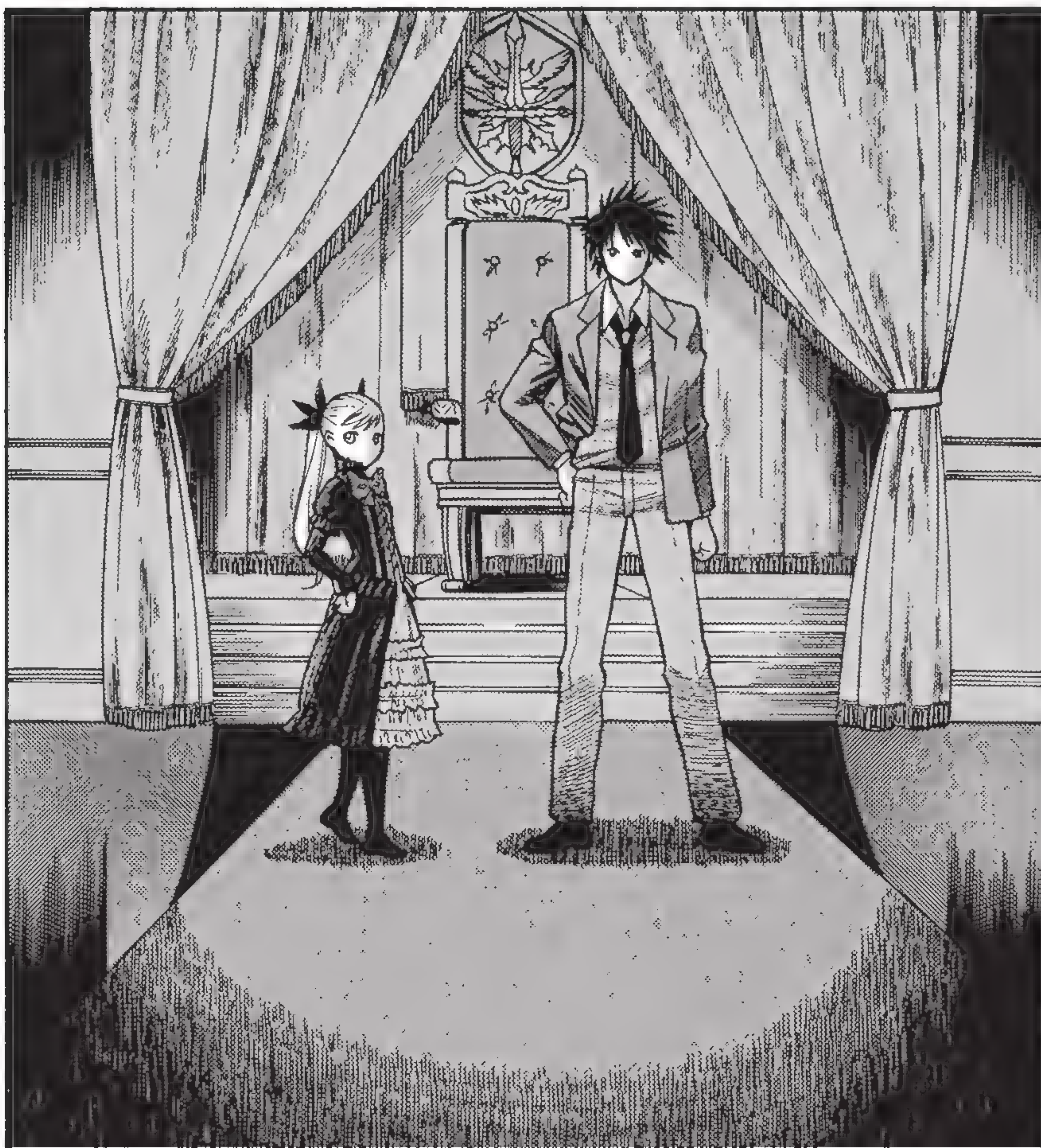
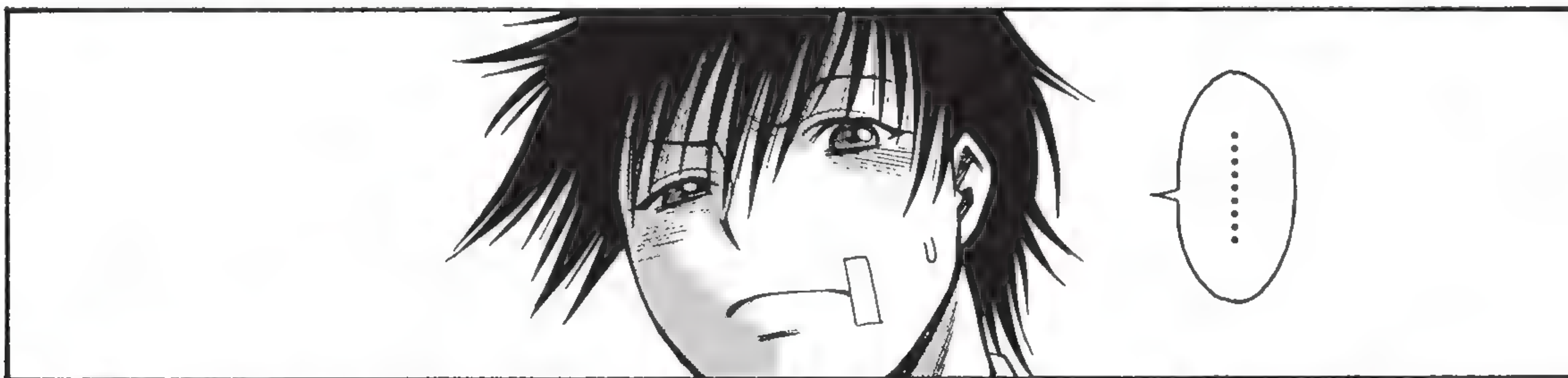


I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS.

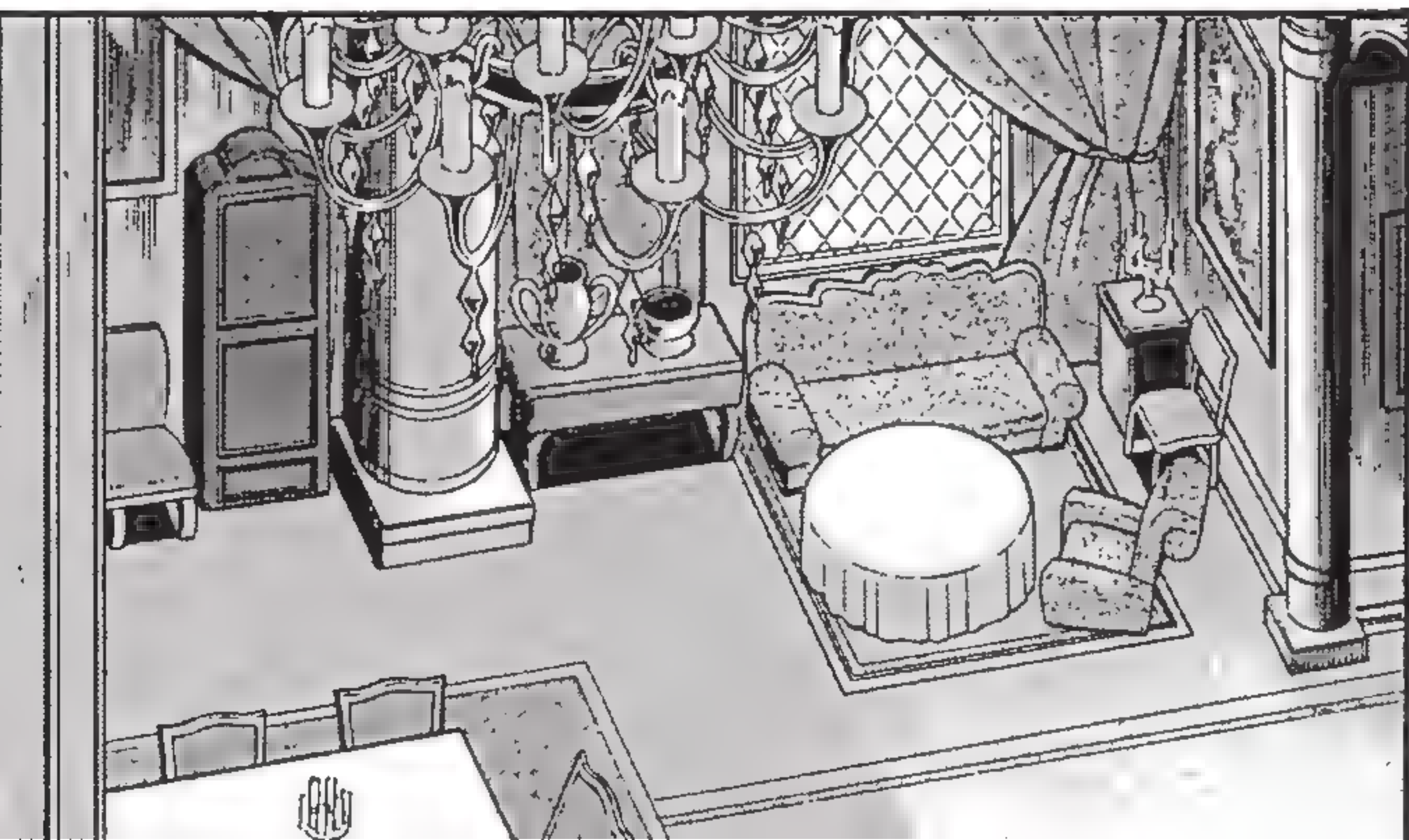
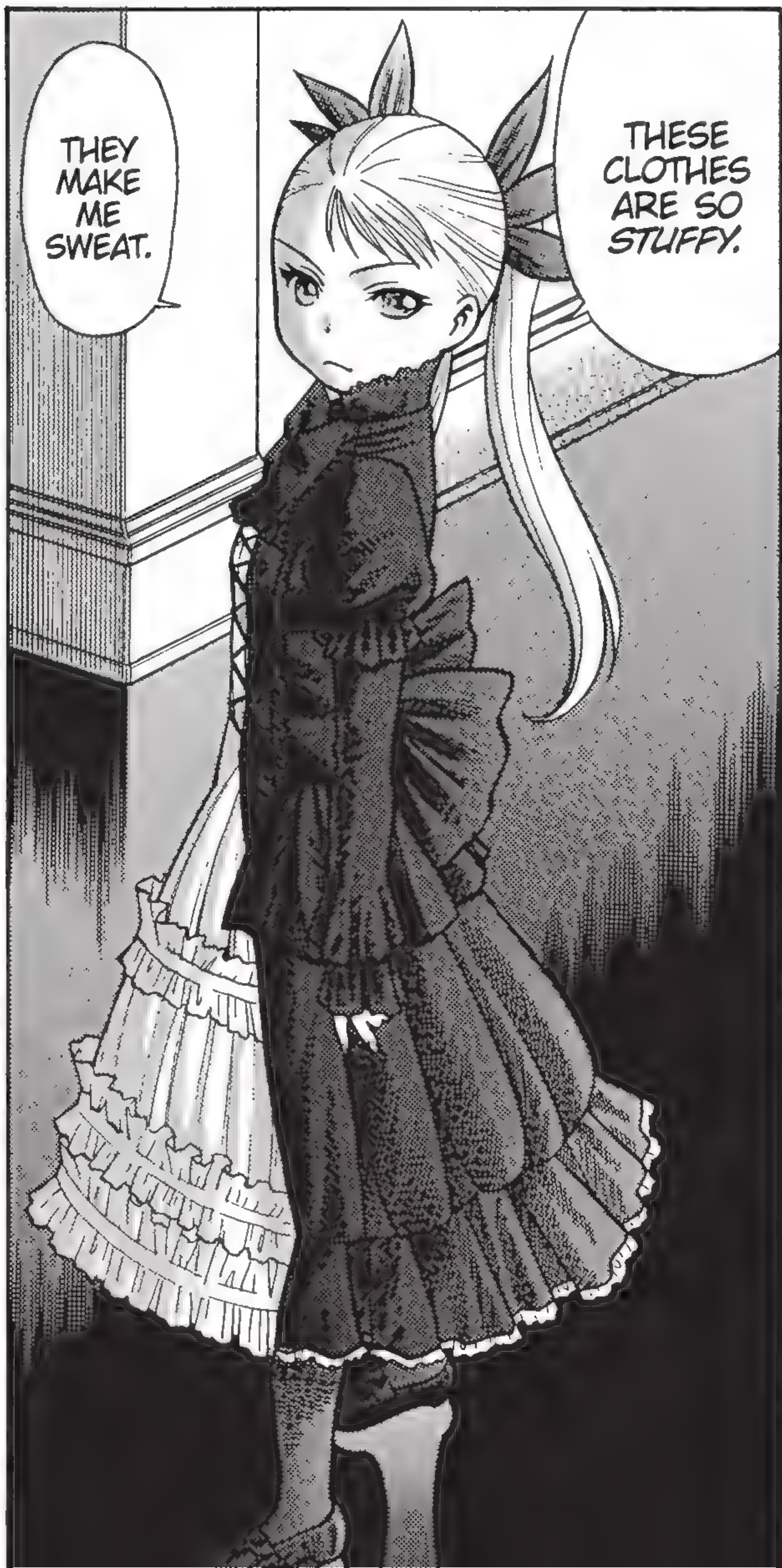
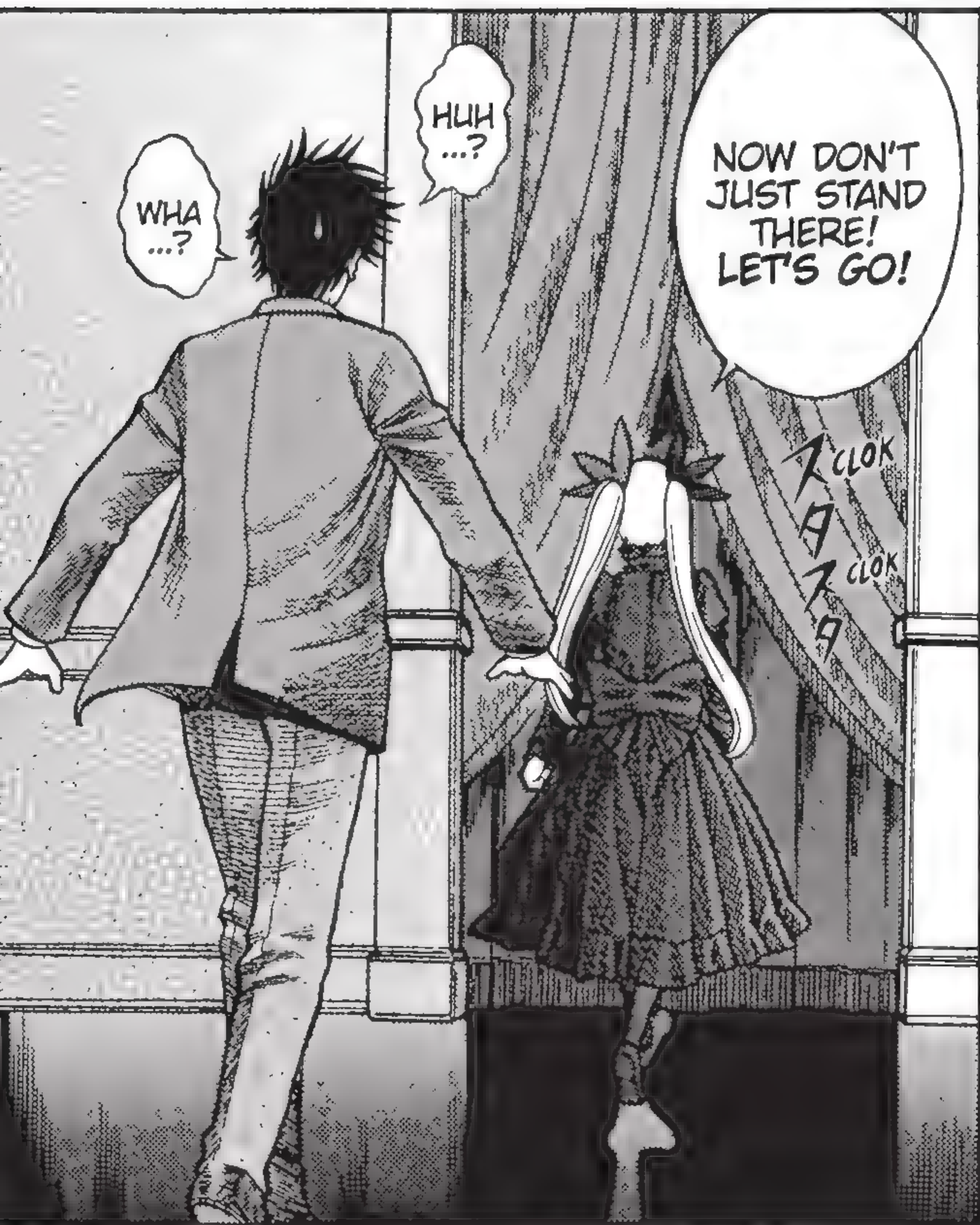
IT APPEARS THAT THERE WAS A LEAK AS TO YOUR LOCATION...

DON'T WORRY. I AM THE ONE WHO RUSHED THE ISSUE. SO, THERE ARE BOUND TO BE SOME ROUGH SPOTS.

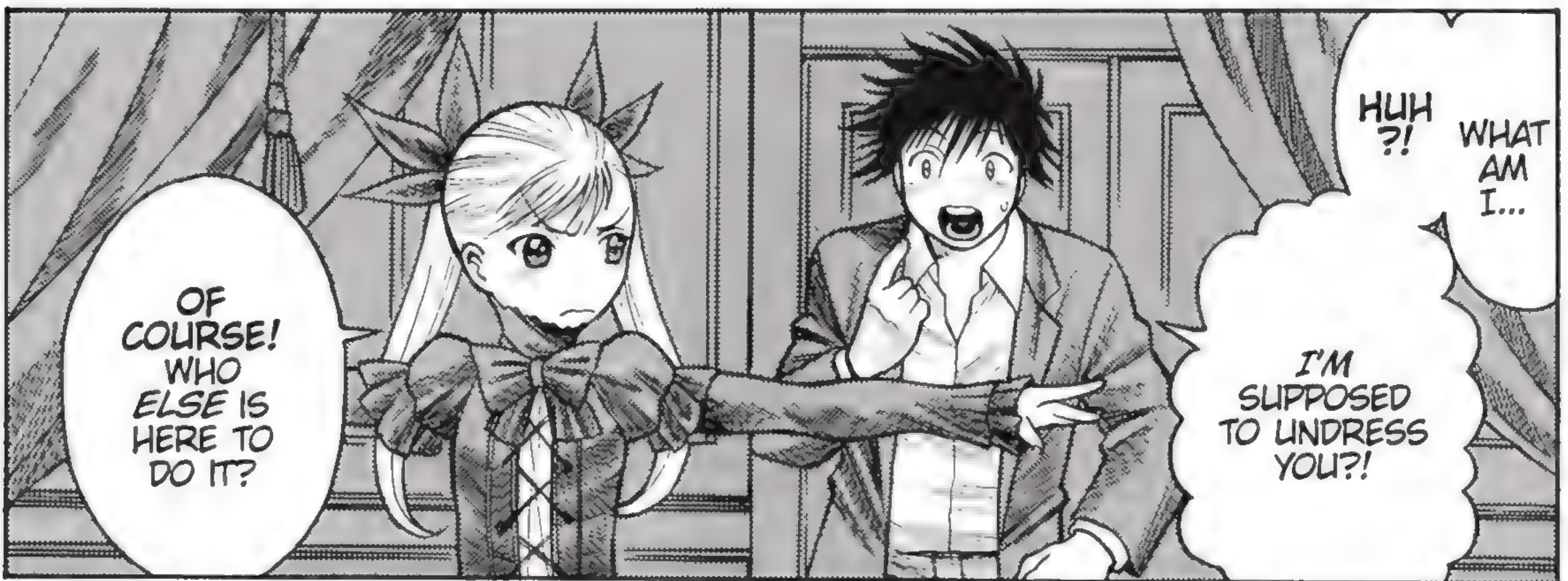
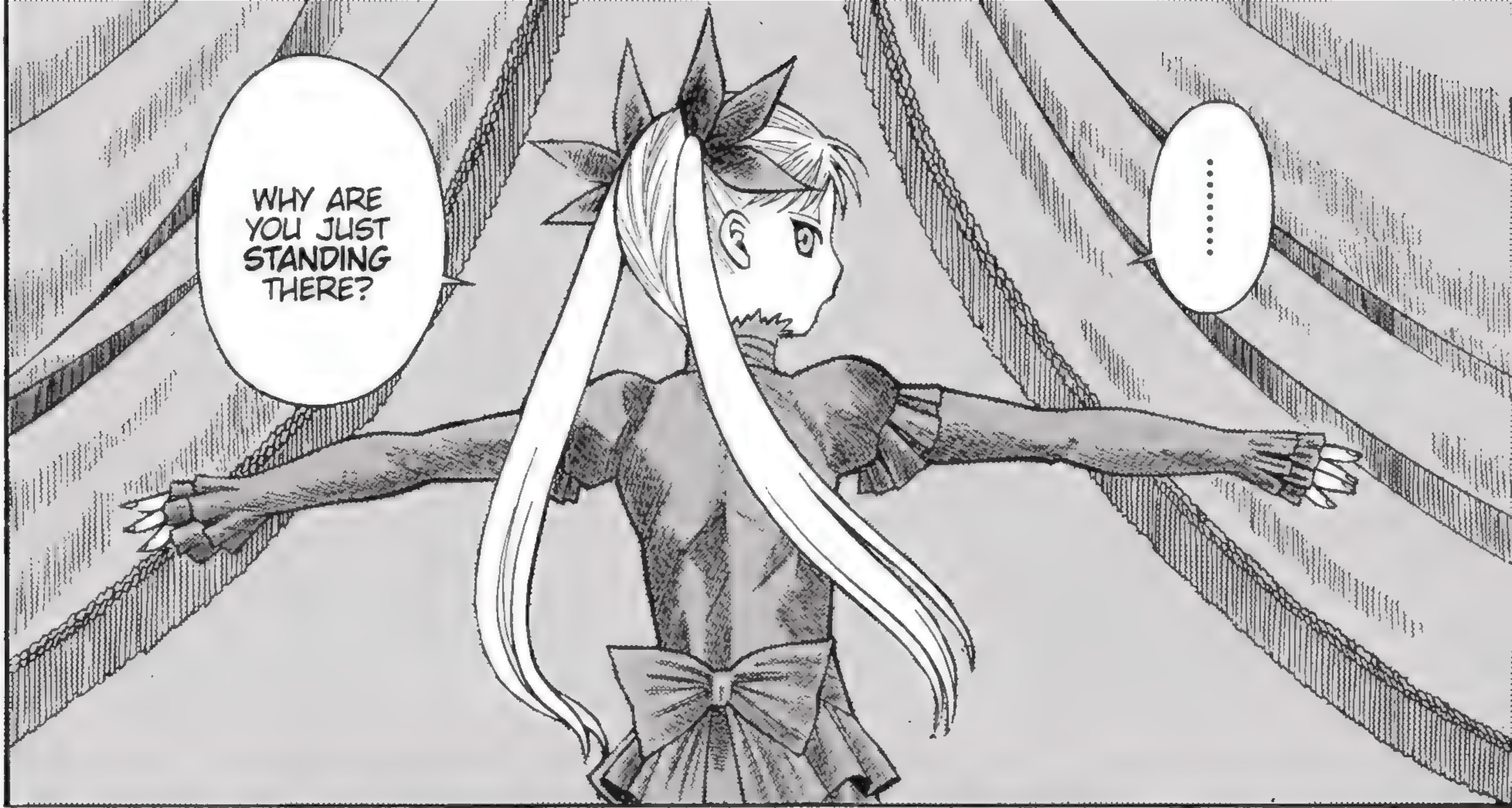
















WHAT'S  
WRONG? IS  
THIS YOUR  
FIRST TIME  
SEEING A  
NAKED  
WOMAN?



WHY  
WOULD  
I FEEL  
EMBAR-  
RASSED  
LOOKING AT  
A KID'S  
BODY?!

SH-  
SHUT  
UP!

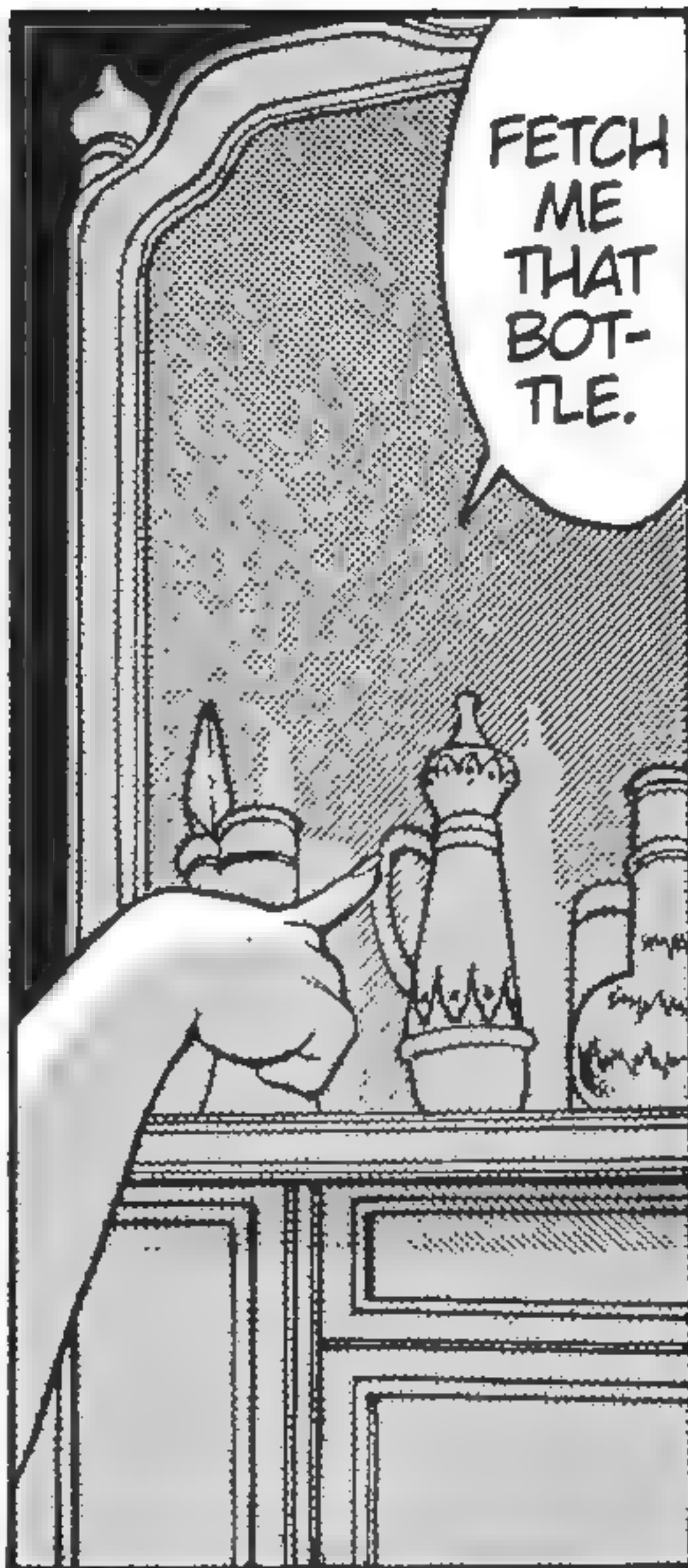






SNIFF  
SNIFF

WHAT IS IT?



FETCH ME THAT BOT-TLE.



A KID, HUH...?

YOU'RE RIGHT...



I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE!!

AH! SO THIS IS IT!

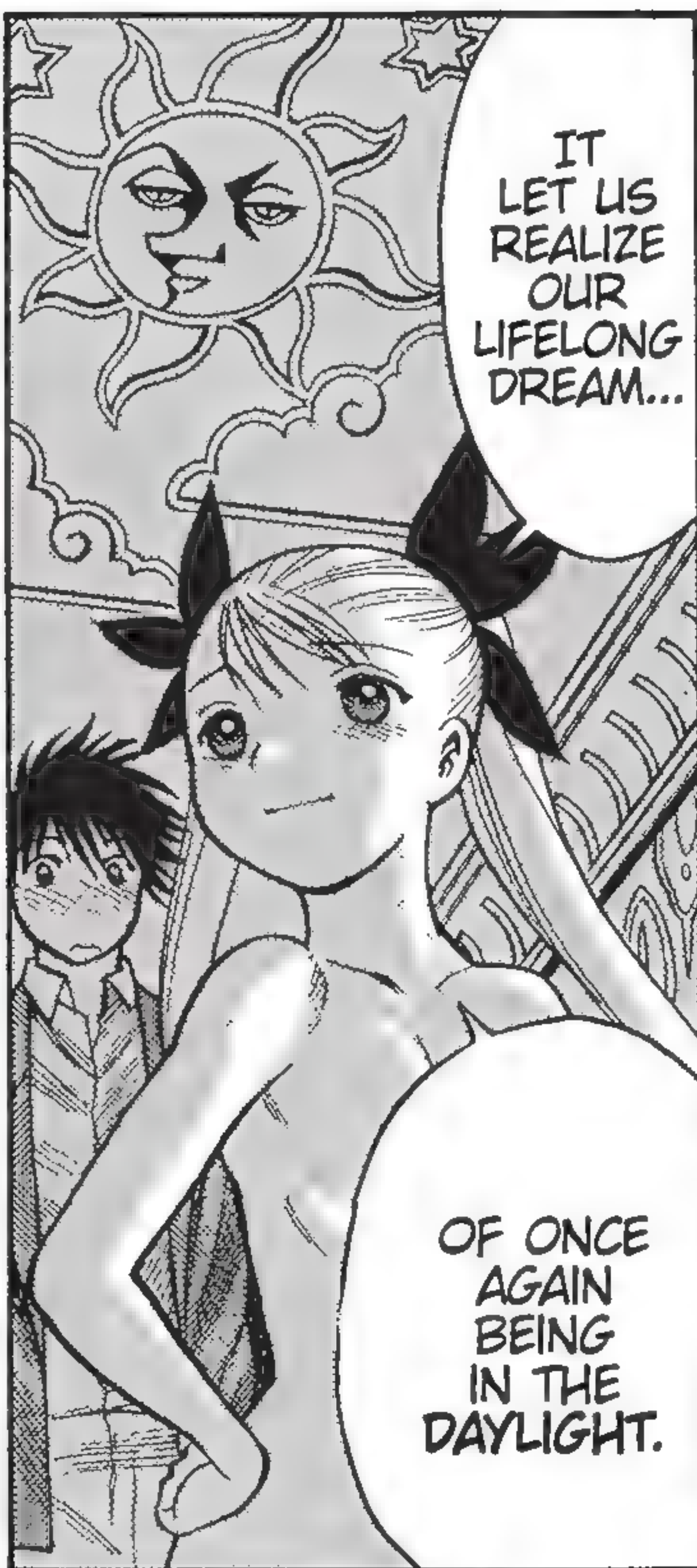
LIGHT-BLOCK-ING GEL.



FLICK

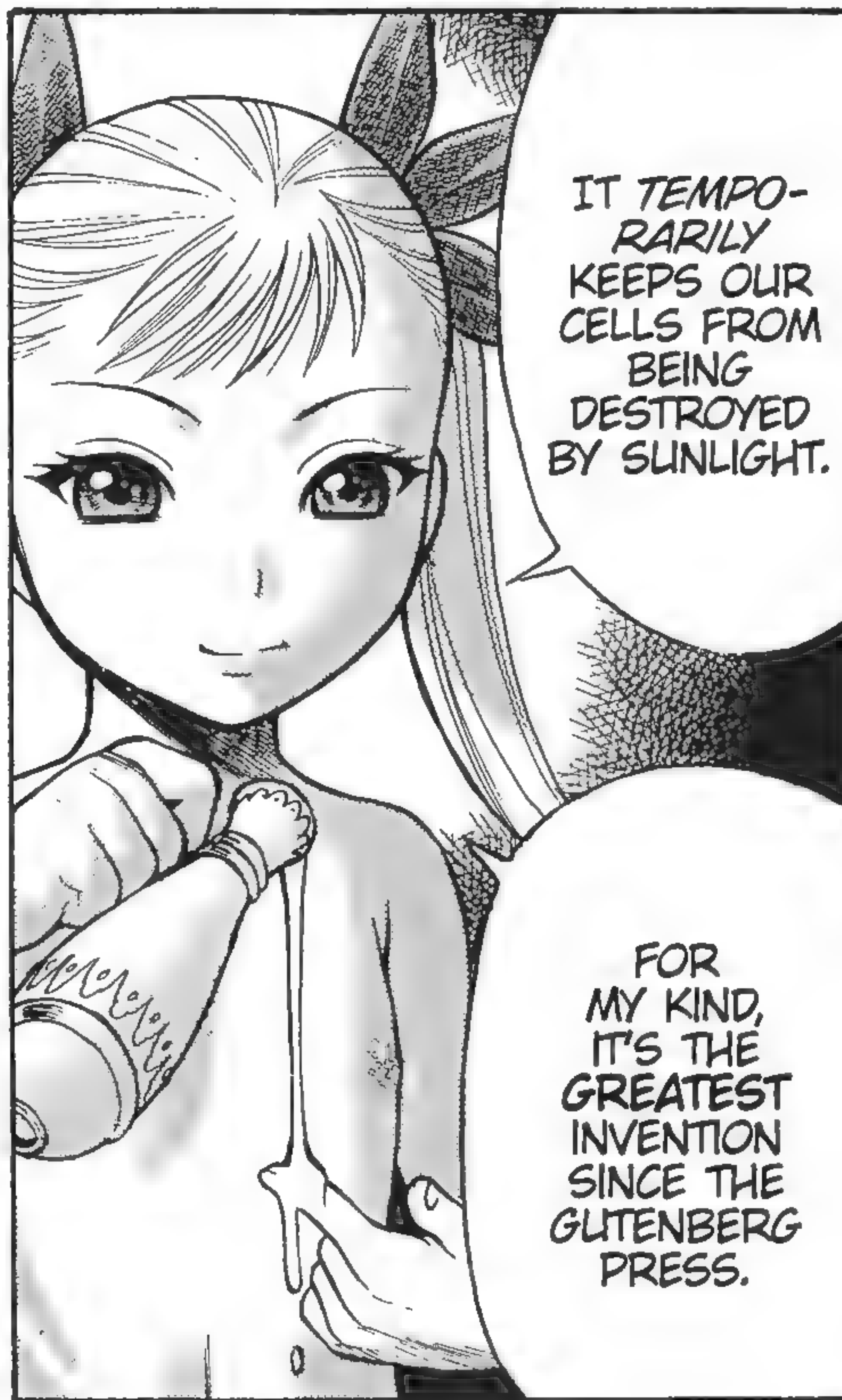
SO... WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH THIS?

IDIOT! I WANT YOU TO PUT IT ON ME, OBVIOUSLY.



IT LET US REALIZE OUR LIFELONG DREAM...

OF ONCE AGAIN BEING IN THE DAYLIGHT.



IT TEMPORARILY KEEPS OUR CELLS FROM BEING DESTROYED BY SUNLIGHT.

FOR MY KIND, IT'S THE GREATEST INVENTION SINCE THE GLUTENBERG PRESS.





WHAT'S WRONG?



ME?!



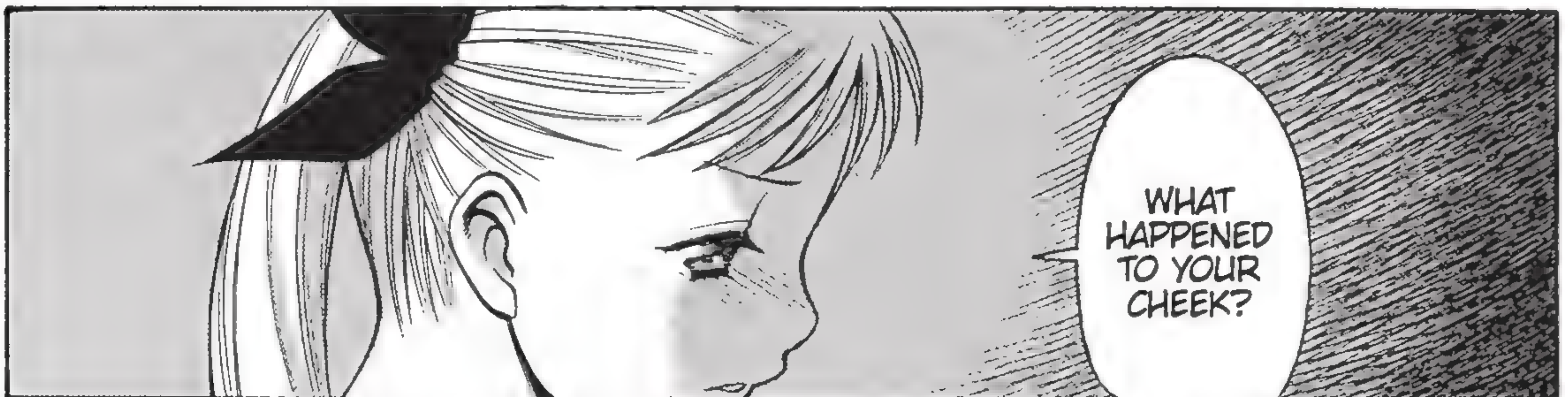
RELAX...  
SHE'S  
JUST A  
KID...  
ONLY A  
KID...



NO, OF  
COURSE  
NOT!  
I'M  
FINE!

IT'S  
NO BIG  
DEAL...



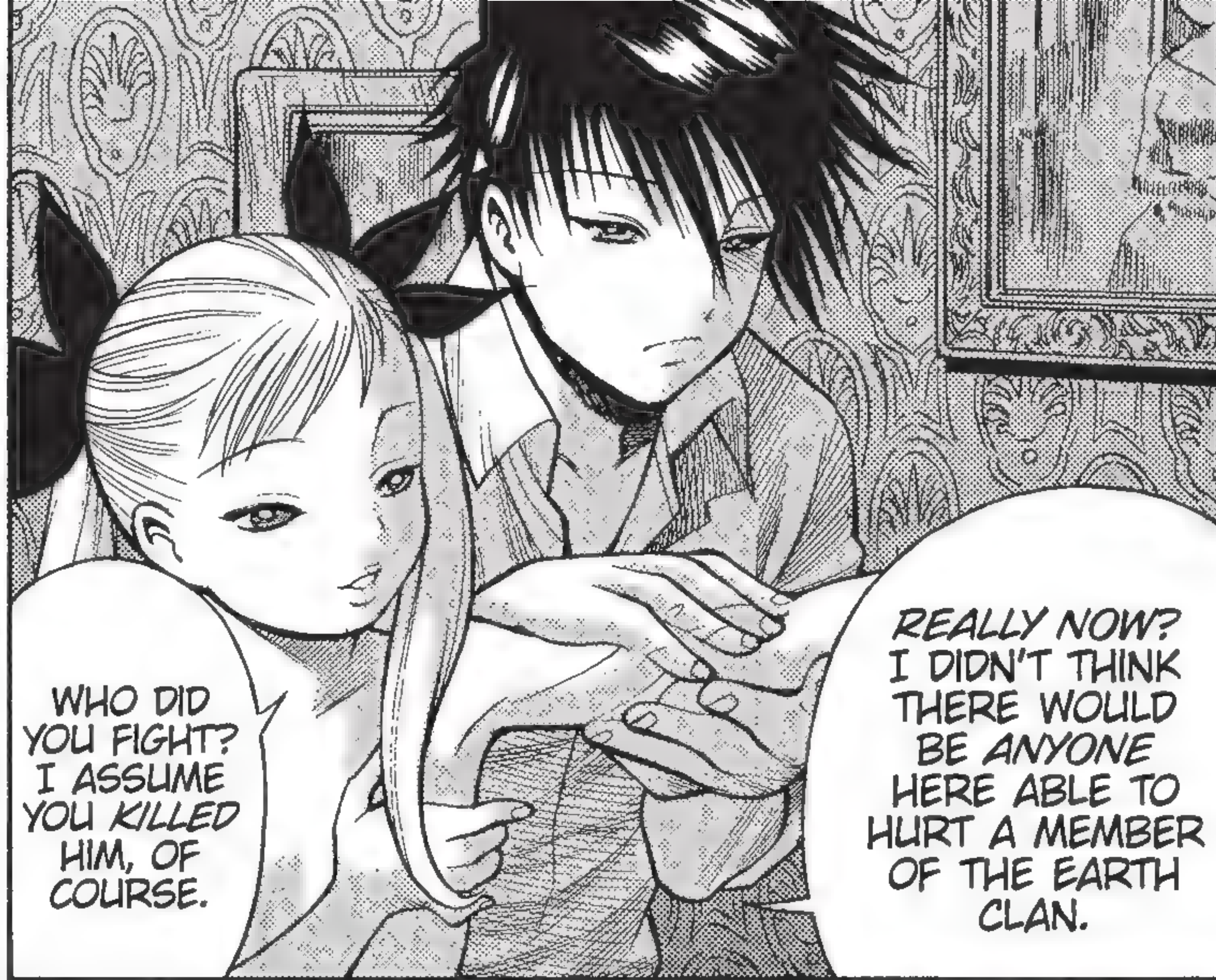






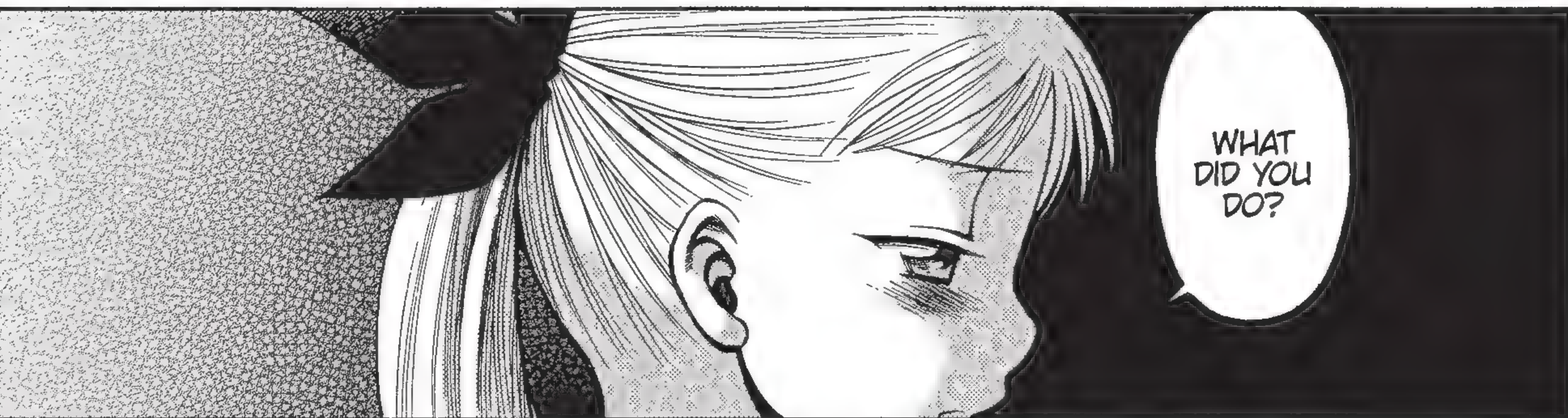
OF COURSE I DIDN'T. IT WAS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE...

AND I WAS THE BAD GUY.

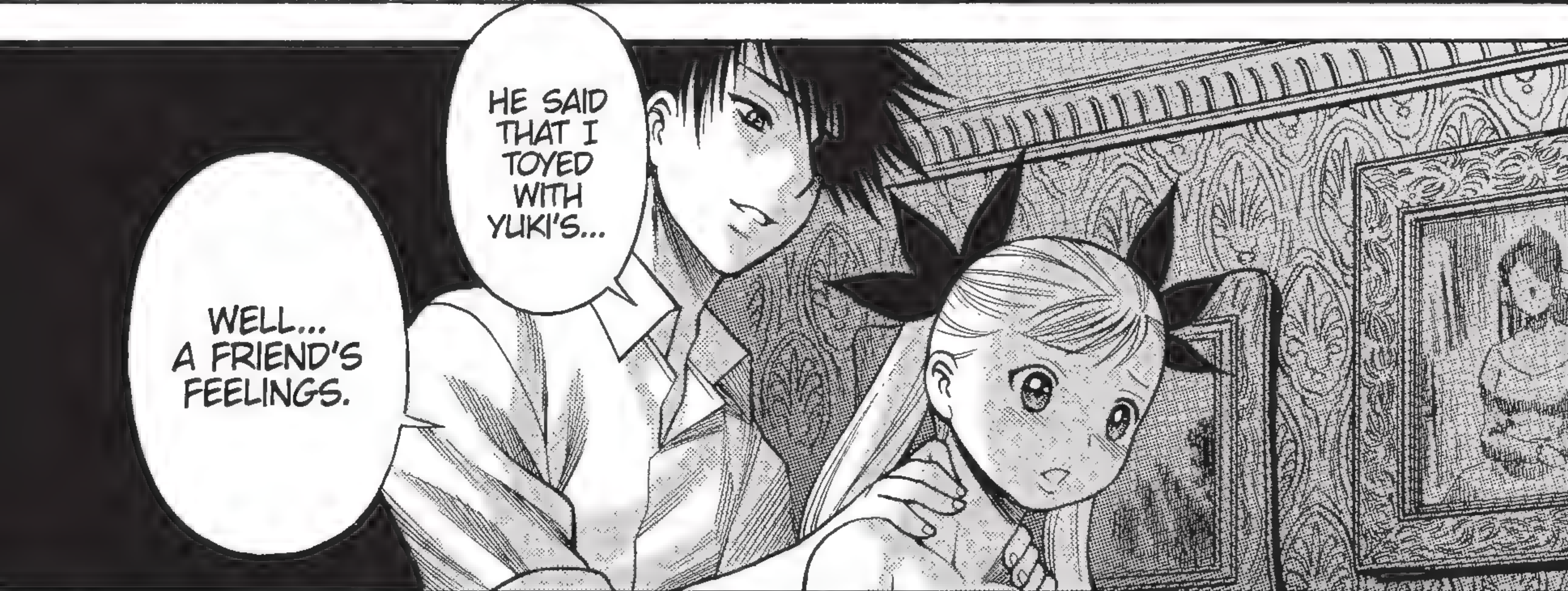


WHO DID YOU FIGHT? I ASSUME YOU KILLED HIM, OF COURSE.

REALLY NOW? I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANYONE HERE ABLE TO HURT A MEMBER OF THE EARTH CLAN.

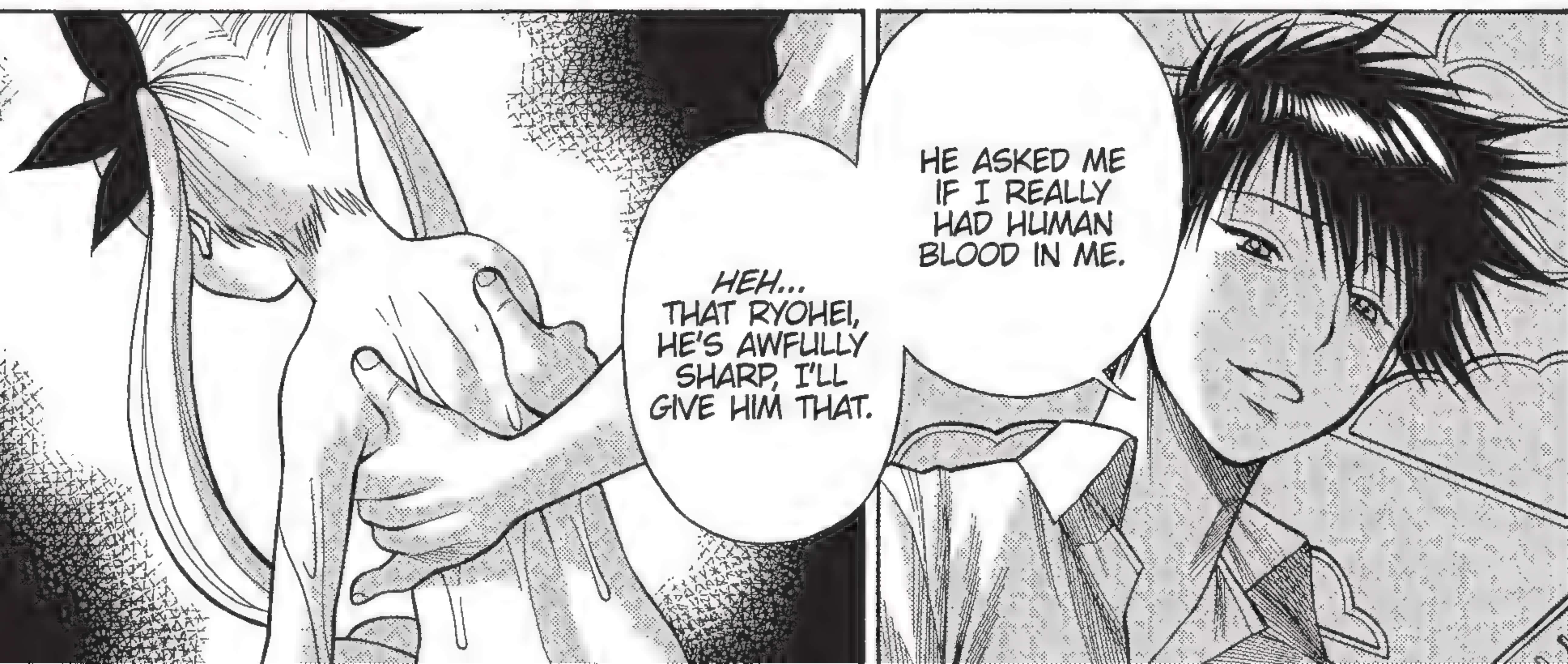


WHAT DID YOU DO?



HE SAID THAT I TOYED WITH YUKI'S...

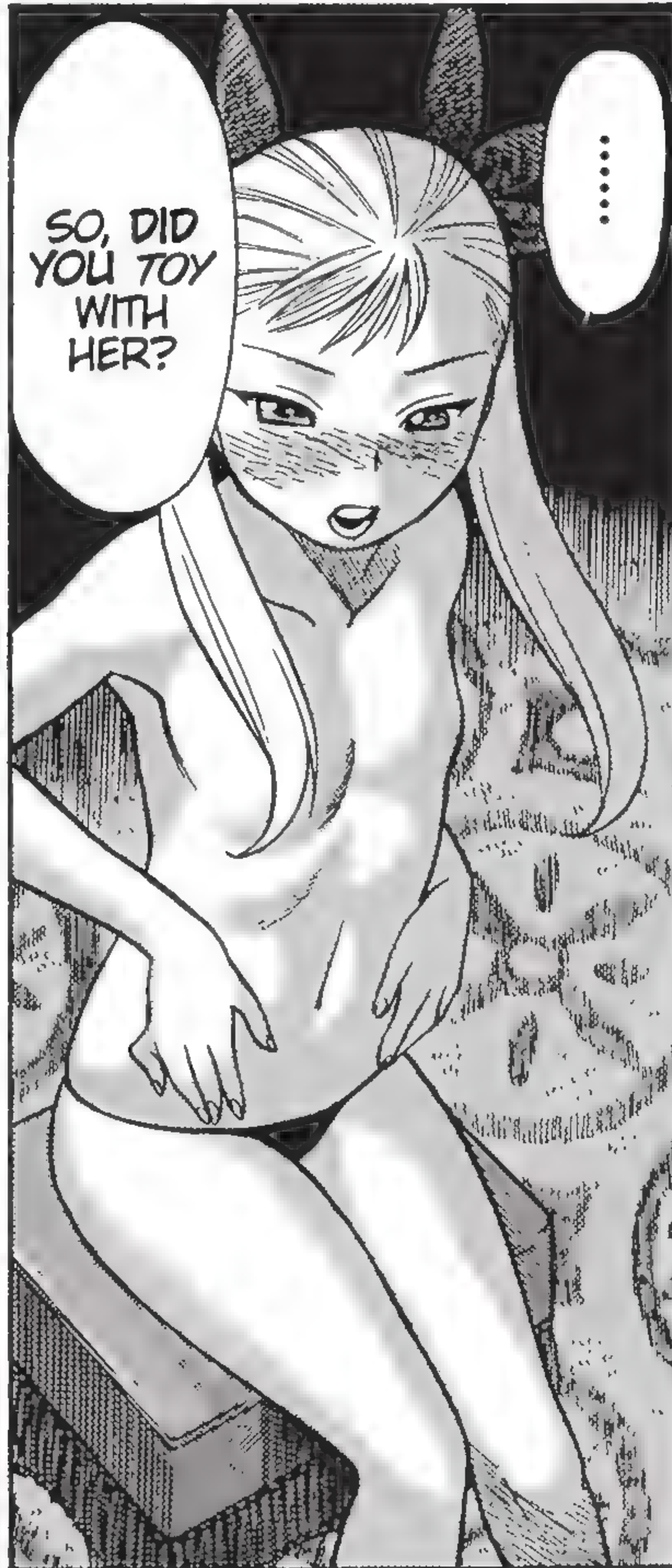
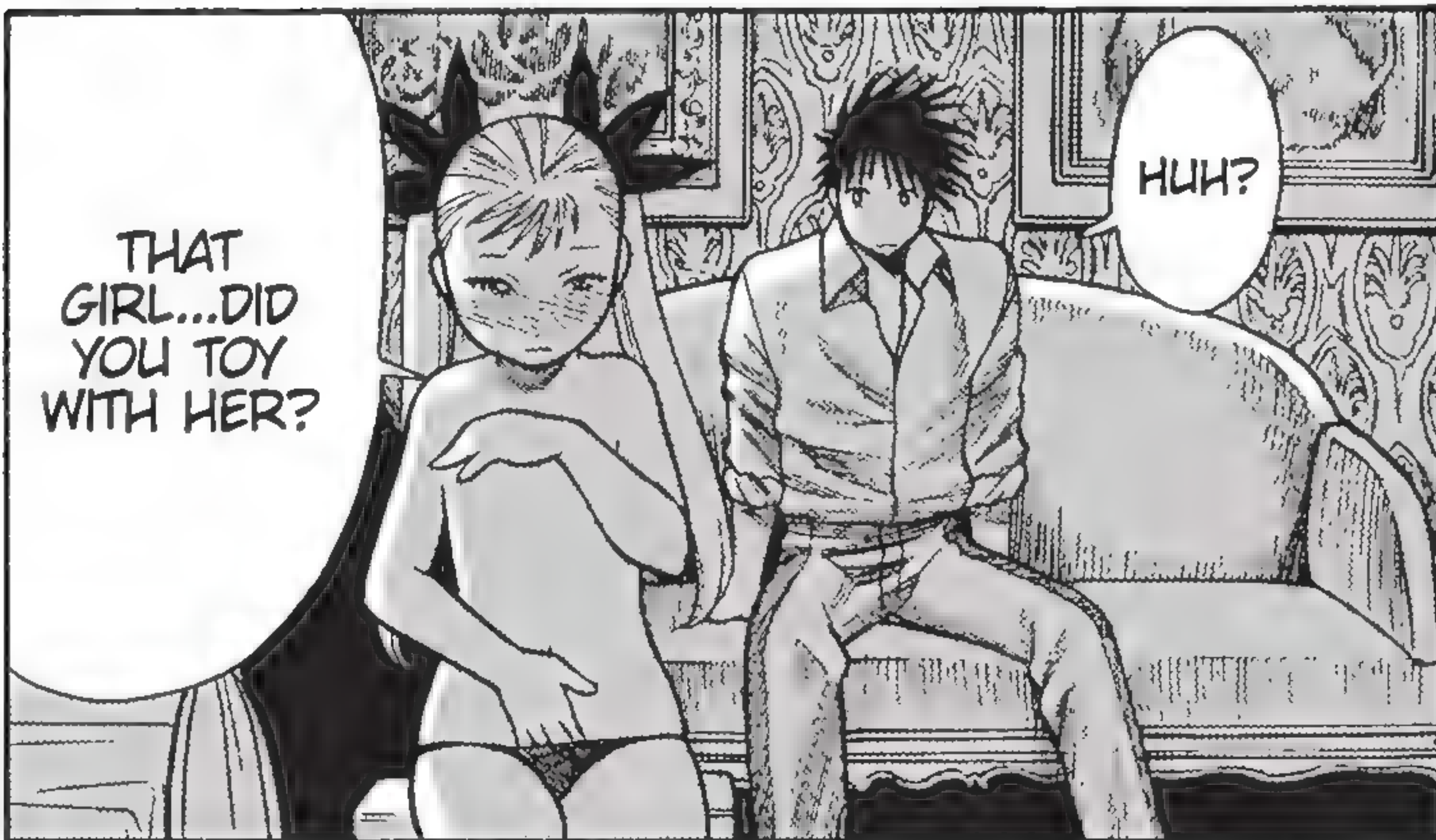
WELL... A FRIEND'S FEELINGS.



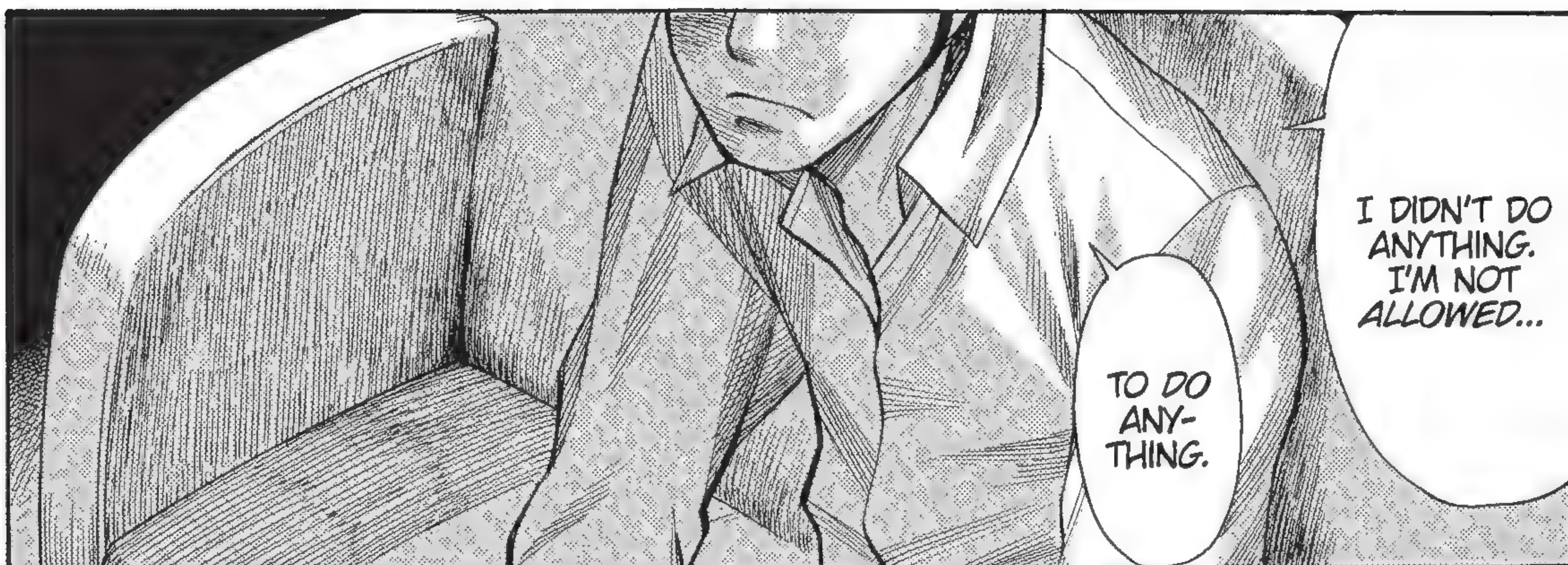
HE ASKED ME IF I REALLY HAD HUMAN BLOOD IN ME.

HEH... THAT RYOHEI, HE'S AWFULLY SHARP, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT.







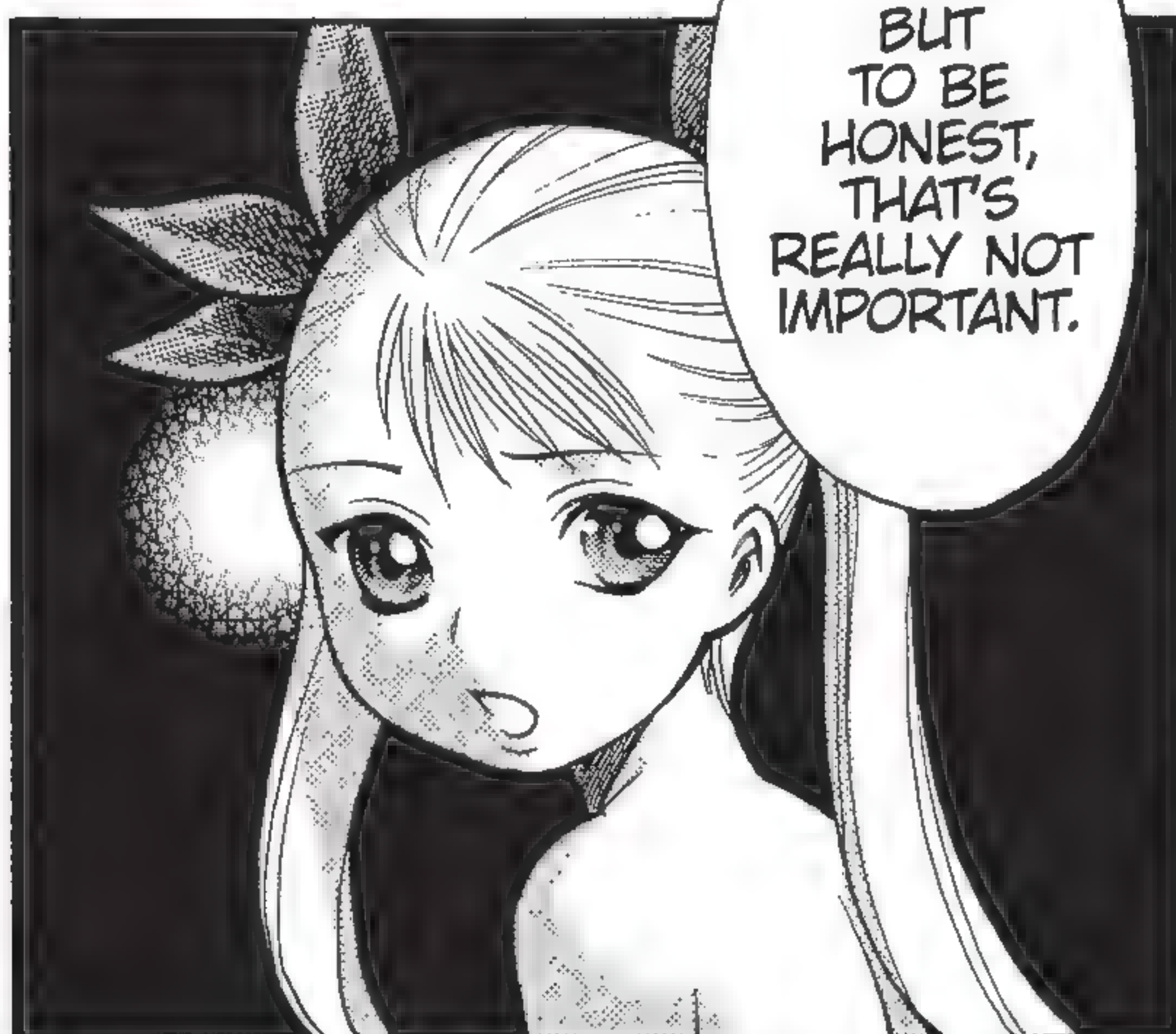


TO DO  
ANY-  
THING.

I DIDN'T DO  
ANYTHING.  
I'M NOT  
ALLOWED...



YEAH.  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



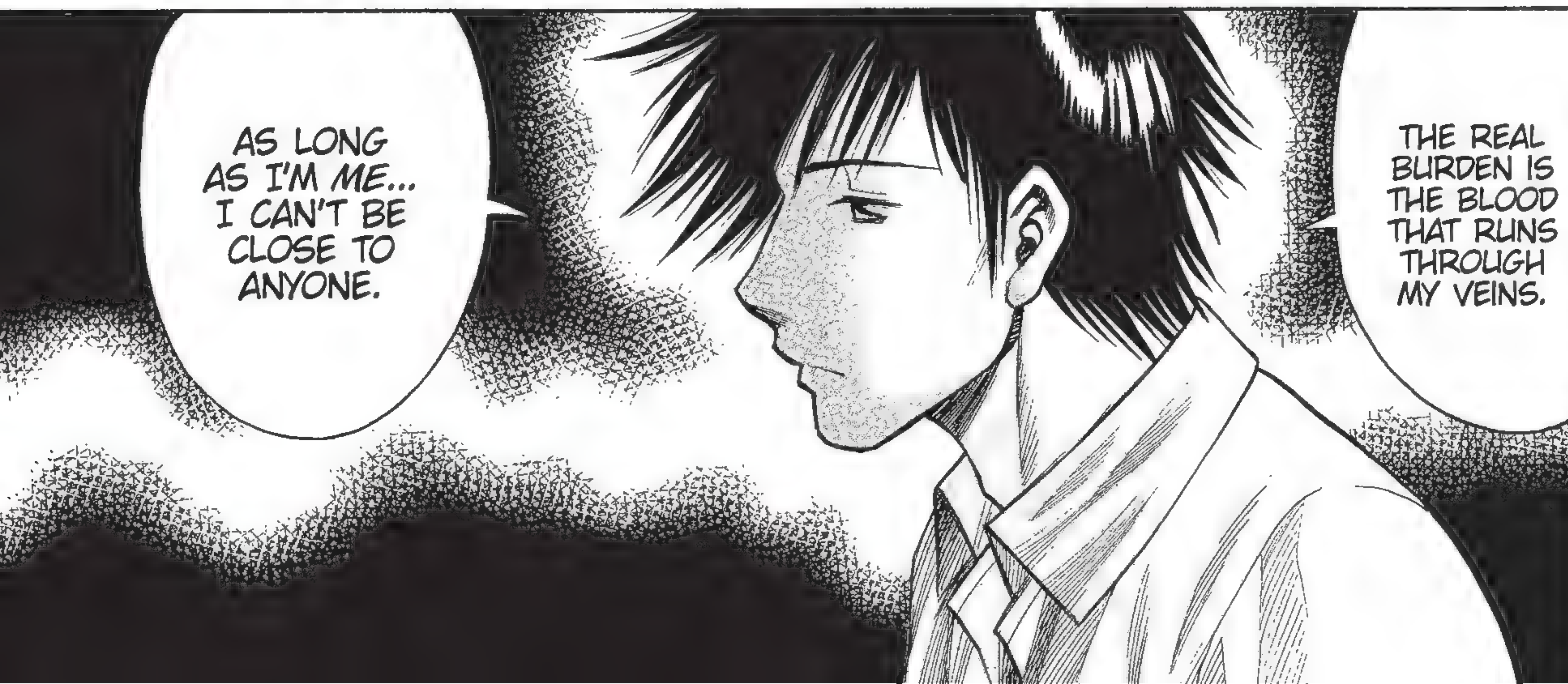
BUT  
TO BE  
HONEST,  
THAT'S  
REALLY NOT  
IMPORTANT.



FROM THE  
MOMENT  
YOU WERE  
BORN, YOU  
WERE  
MEANT TO  
SERVE ME.

OF  
COURSE.

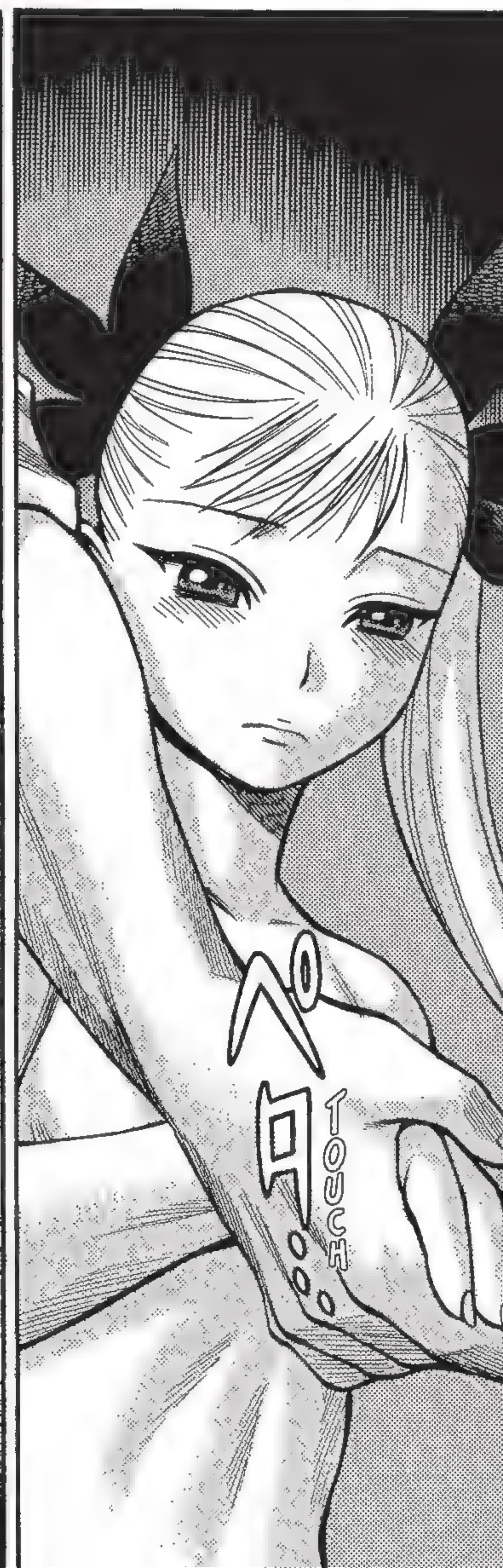
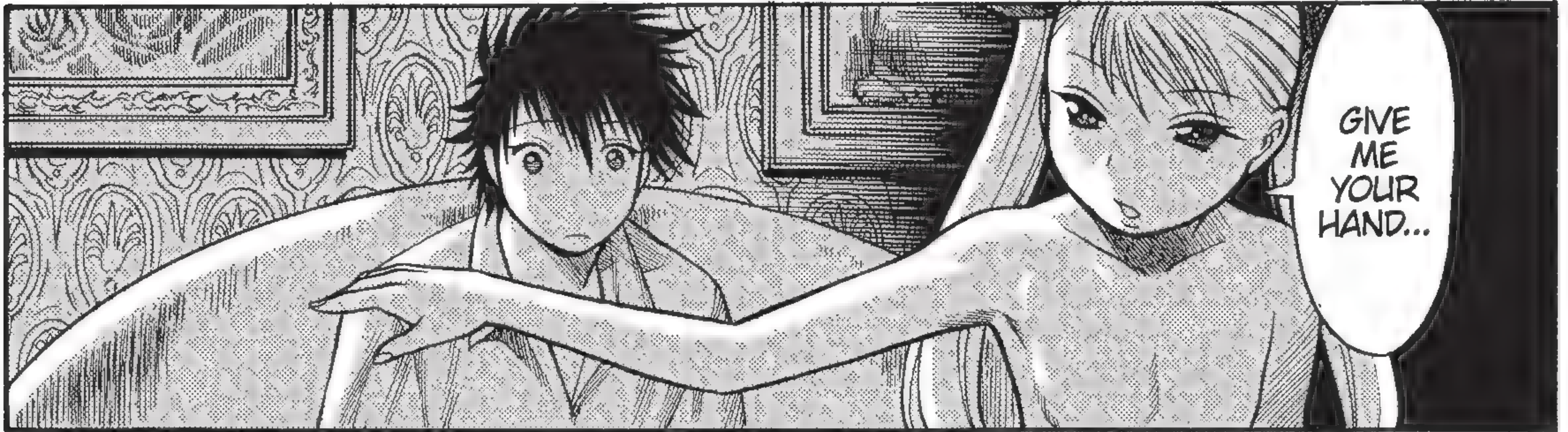
THE  
EARTH  
CLAN HAS  
SERVED  
US FOR  
GENERA-  
TIONS.



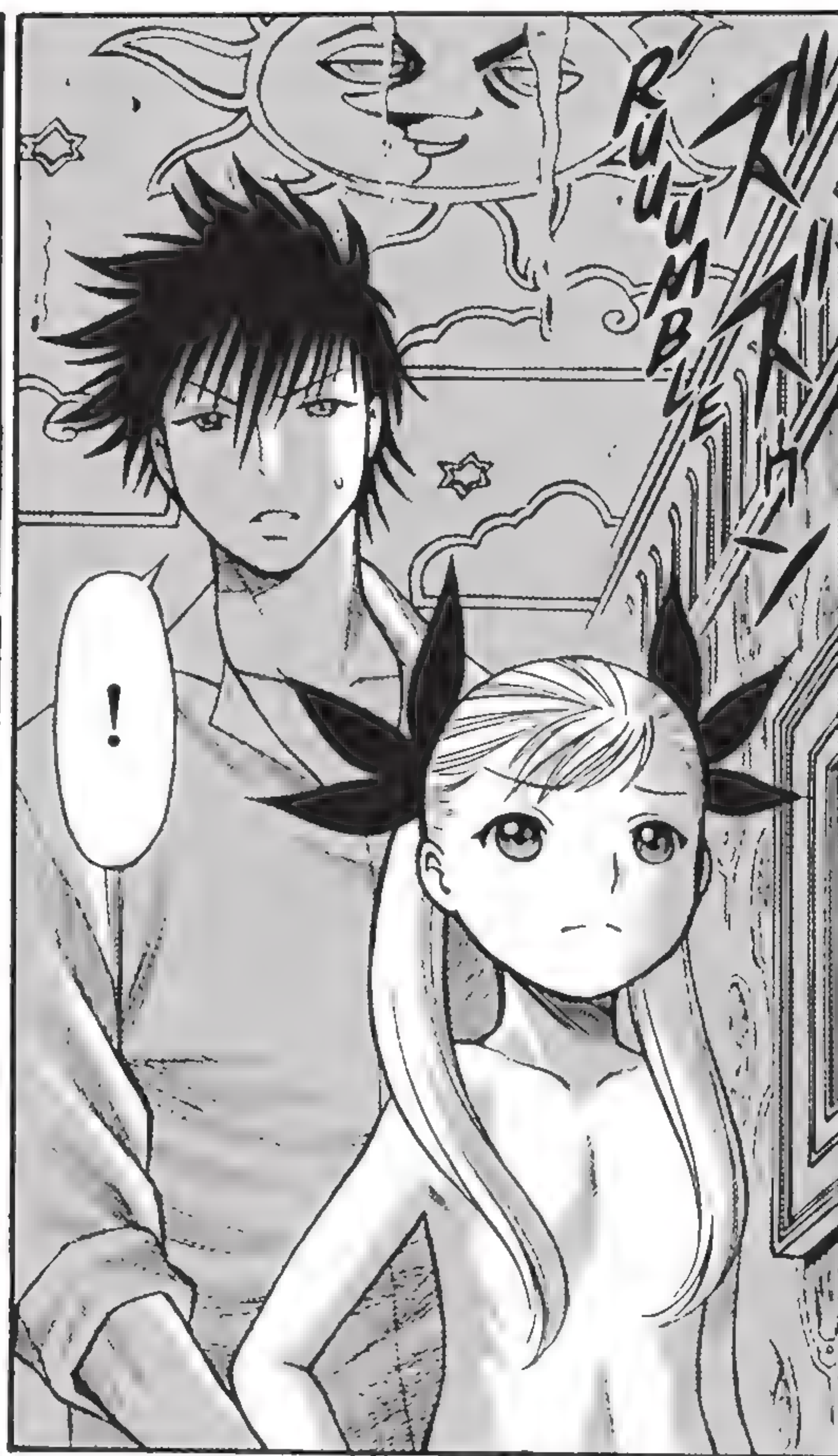
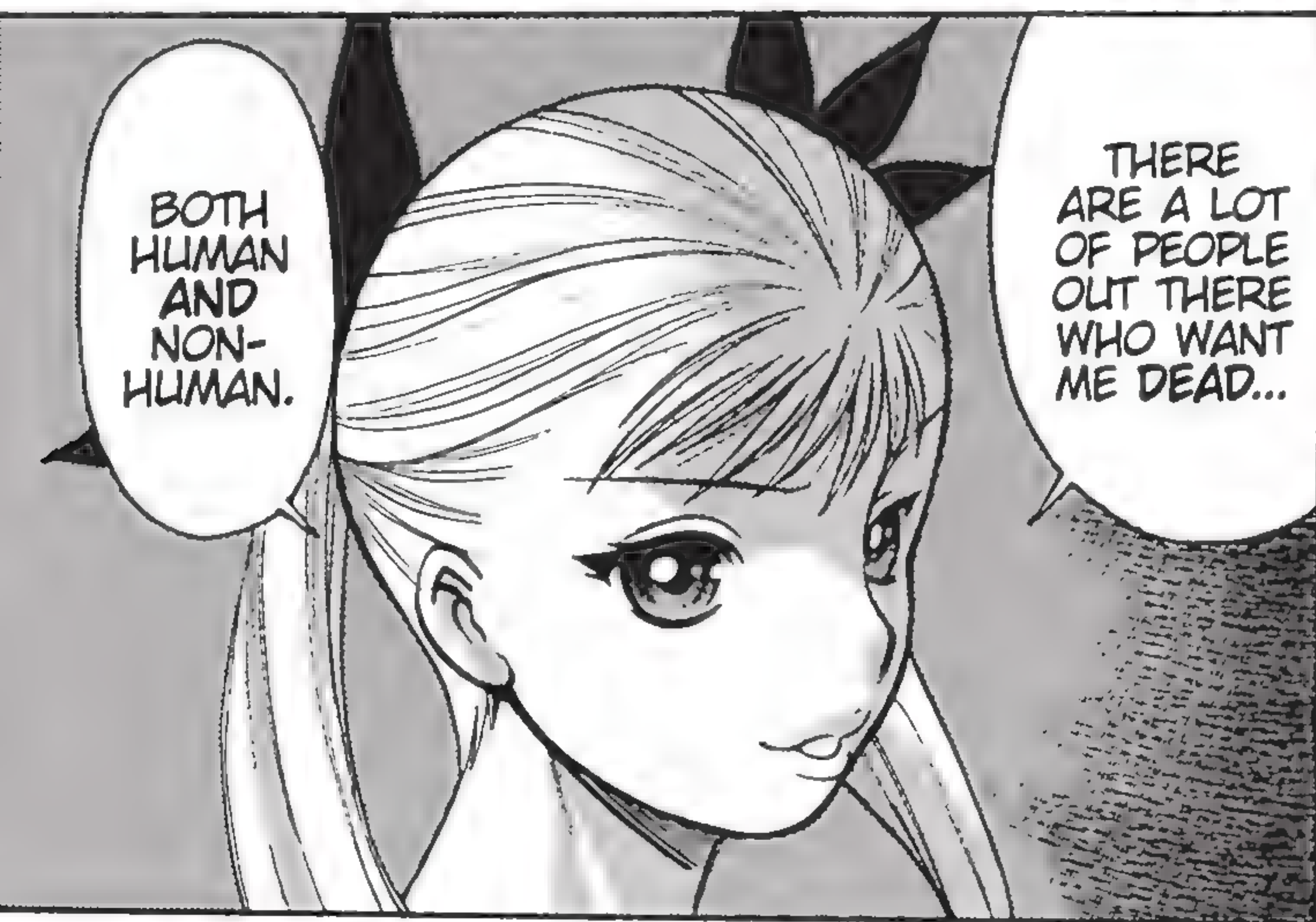
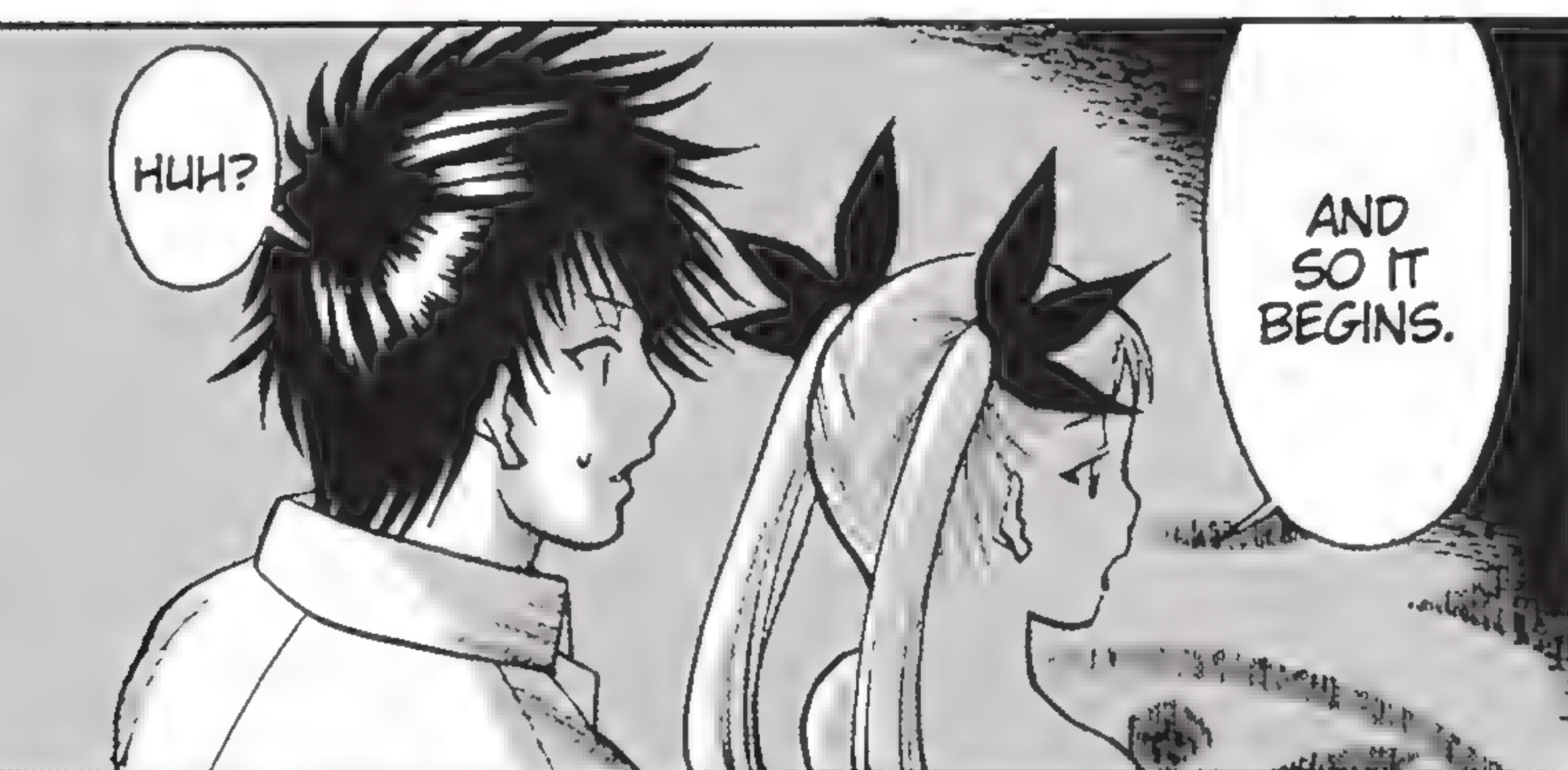
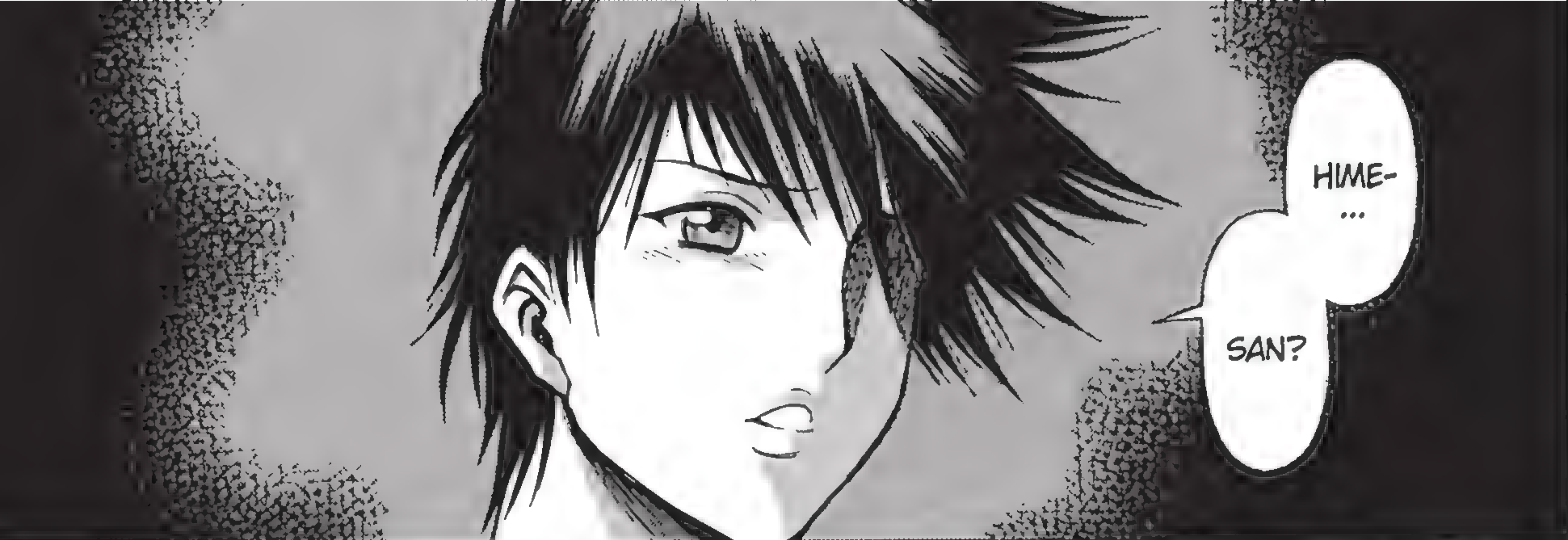
AS LONG  
AS I'M ME...  
I CAN'T BE  
CLOSE TO  
ANYONE.

THE REAL  
BURDEN IS  
THE BLOOD  
THAT RUNS  
THROUGH  
MY VEINS.











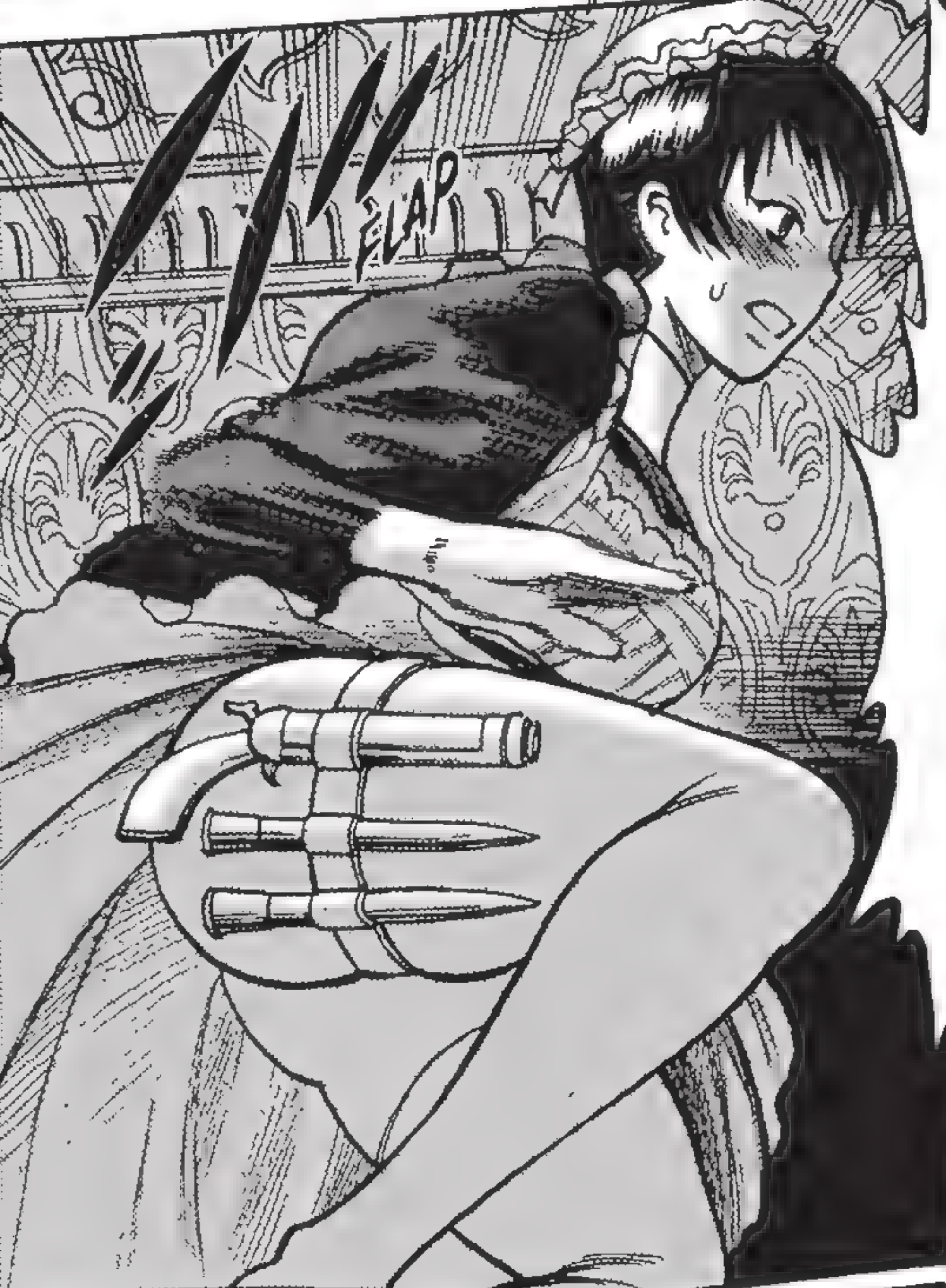
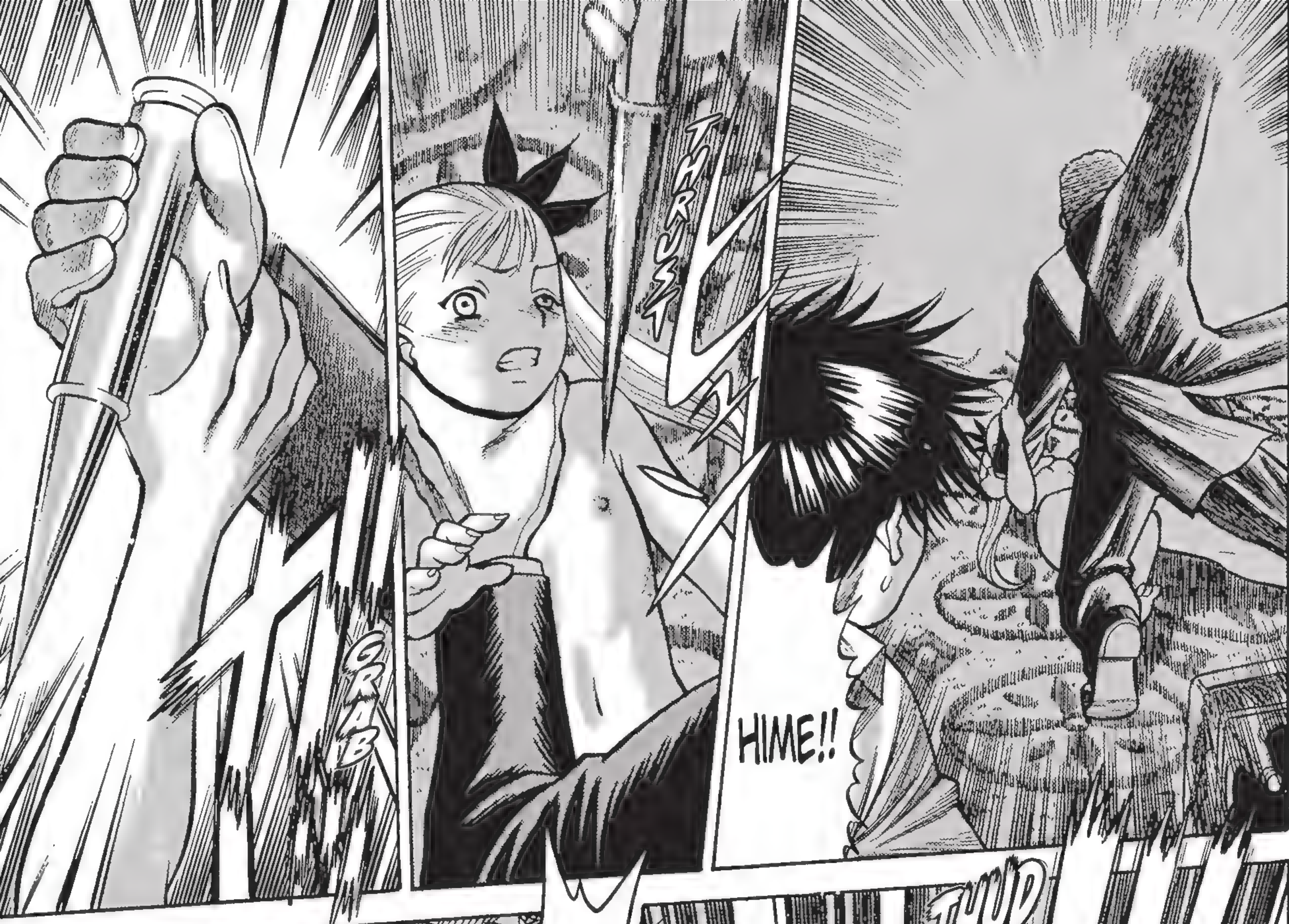


THEY'VE  
GOT  
WEAPONS!!

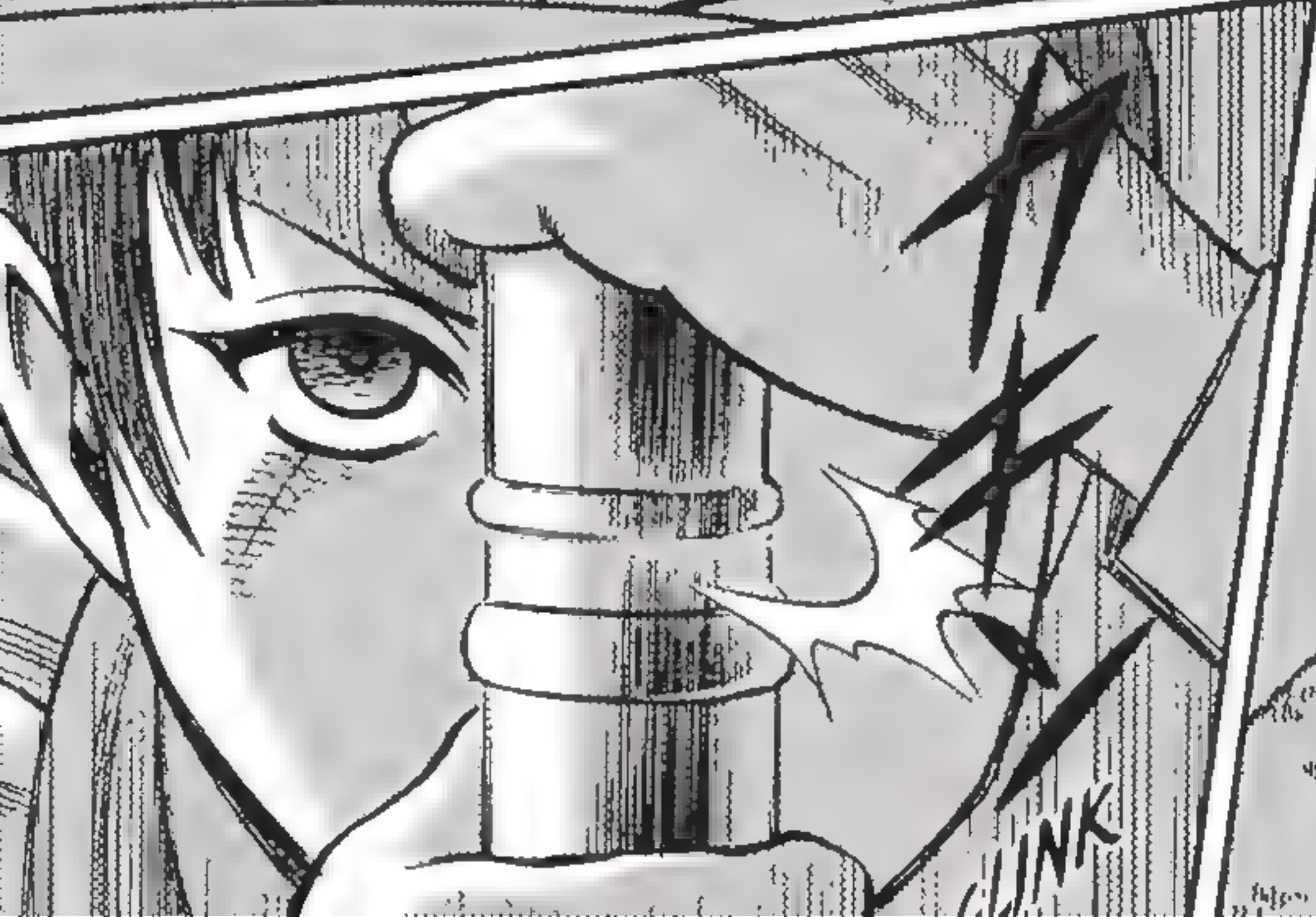
HIME-  
SAN,  
GET  
BACK!



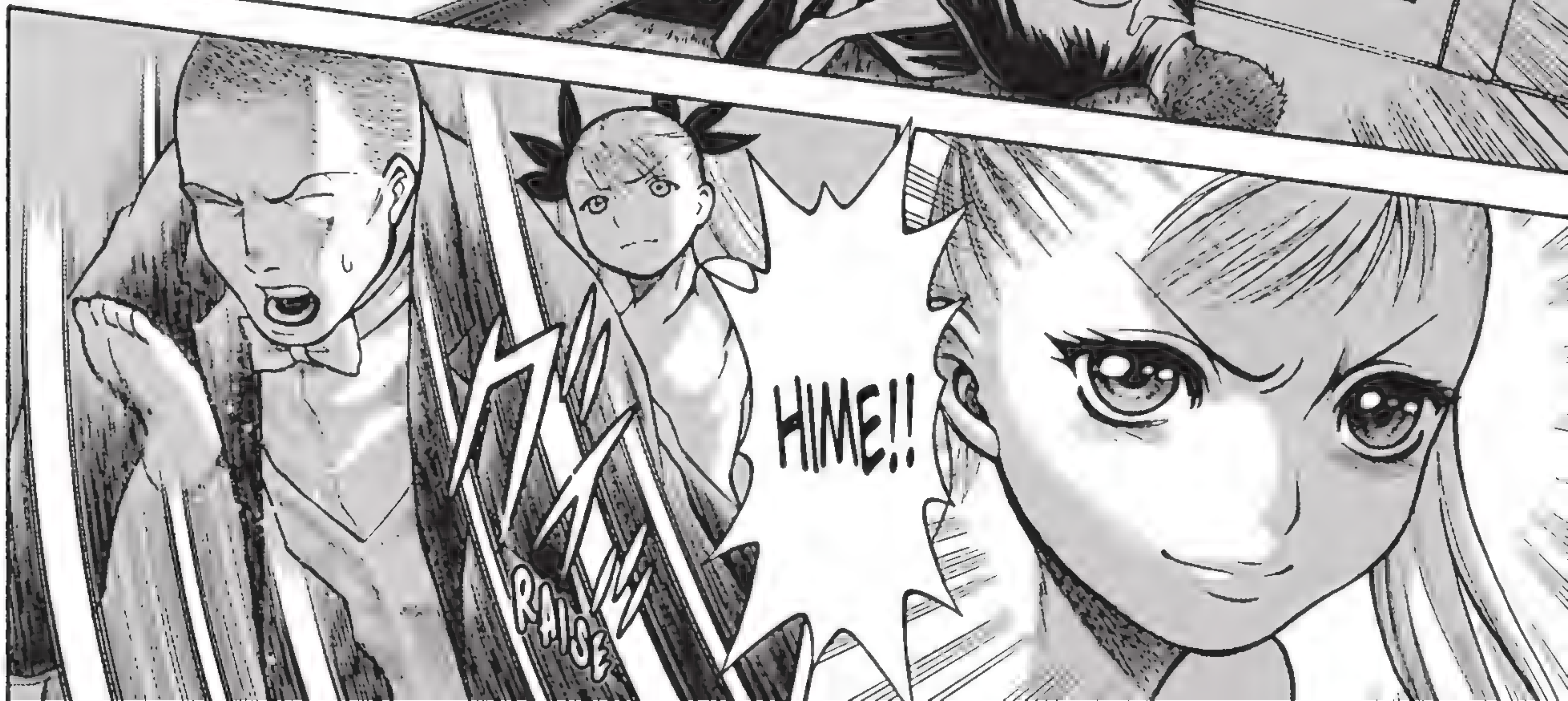
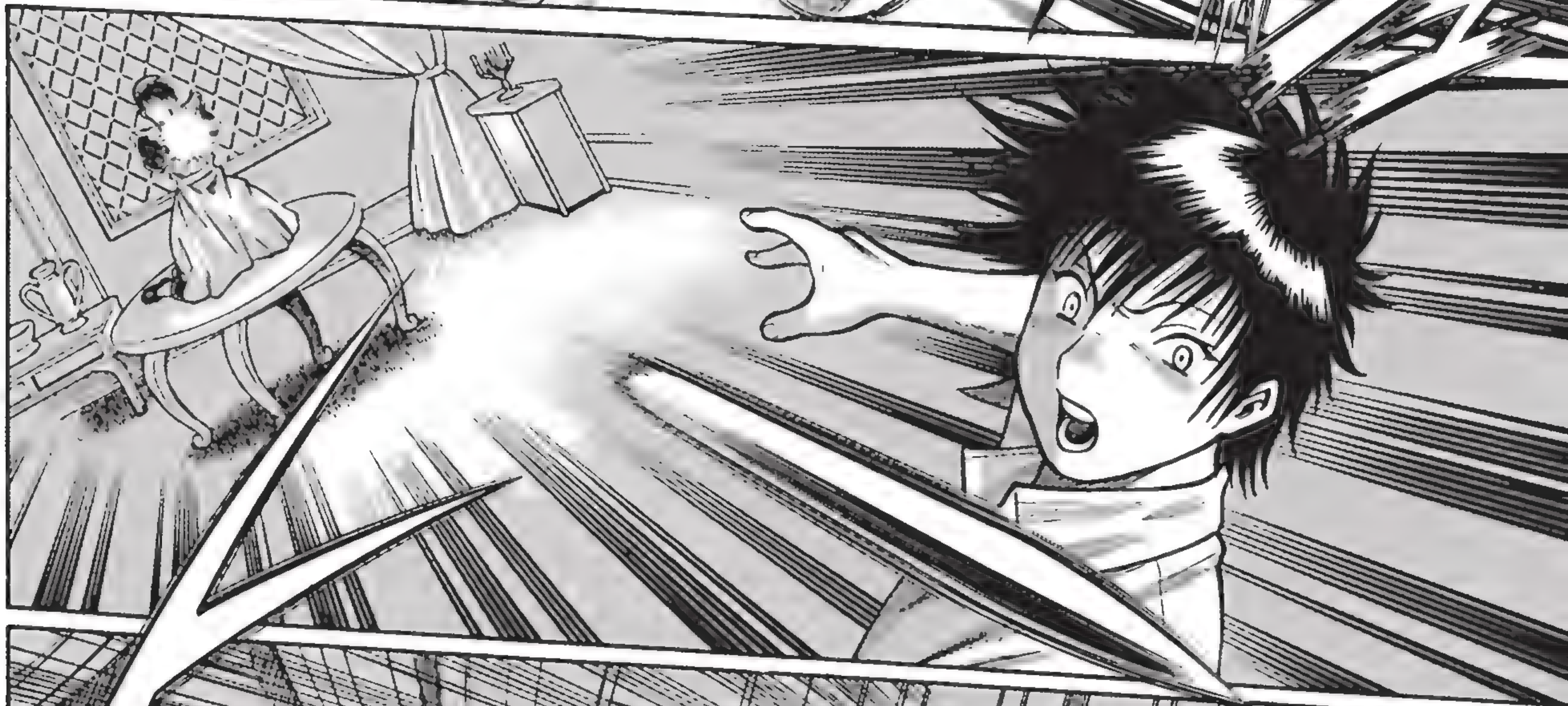
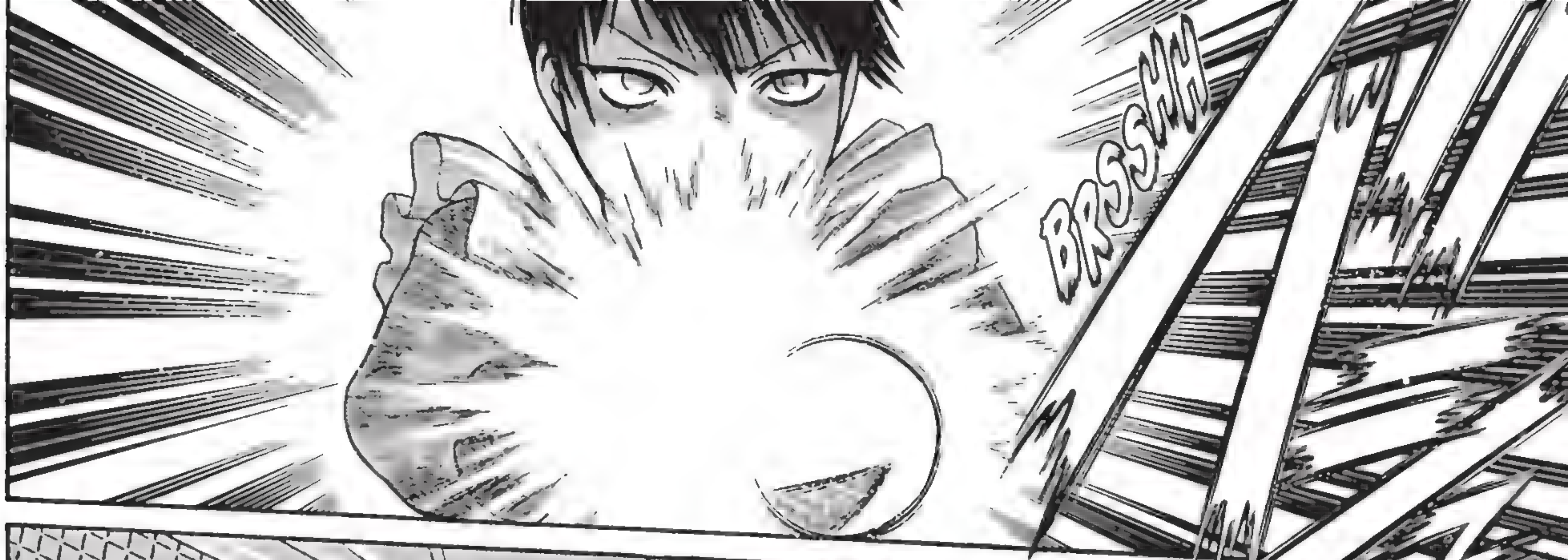




AAAAAAAAHHH!!

















YOU'RE GOING  
TO TASTE  
THE FANGS  
OF THE RULER  
OF ALL NIGHT-  
DWELLERS!!

CONSIDER  
THIS AN  
HONOR!

ONCE AGAIN,  
I COULDN'T  
HELP REMEM-  
BERING WHO  
THE GIRL IN  
FRONT OF ME  
REALLY WAS.

GAA

A  
A  
A  
A  
A  
H  
H!



A black and white manga-style illustration. Mina Tepes, a pale-skinned vampire with long, flowing blonde hair and a large black bow, stands in a dramatic pose. She is holding a small, dark-haired boy by the back of his head. The boy has a wide-eyed, screaming expression. The background is dark and textured, with a bright, starburst-like light behind Mina's head. The overall tone is intense and dramatic.

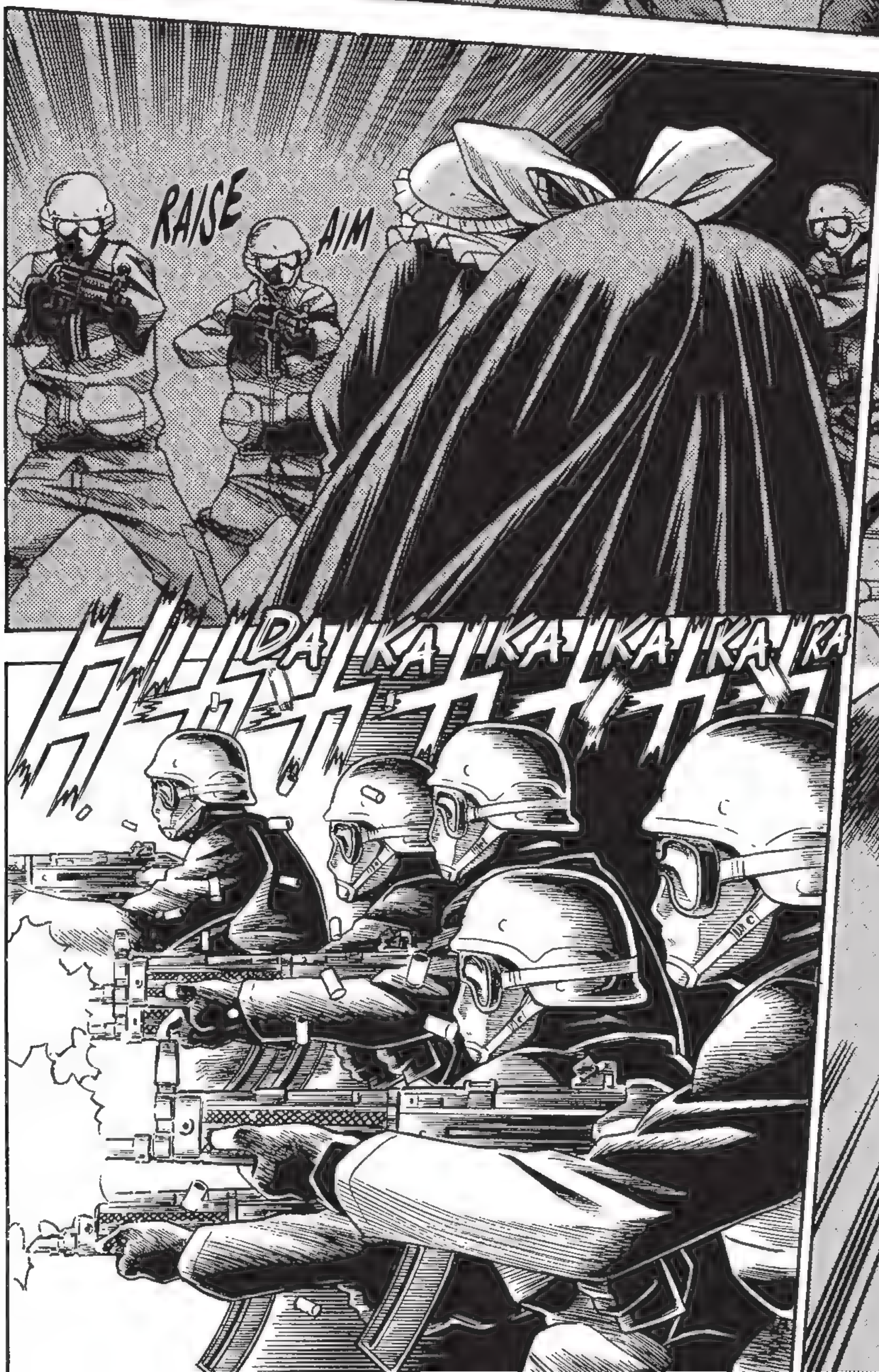
**MINA TEPEŞ,  
THE RULER  
OF ALL  
VAMPIRES...**

**AND OF  
THE JET-  
BLACK  
DARKNESS  
THAT  
CONSUMES  
HALF THIS  
WORLD.**

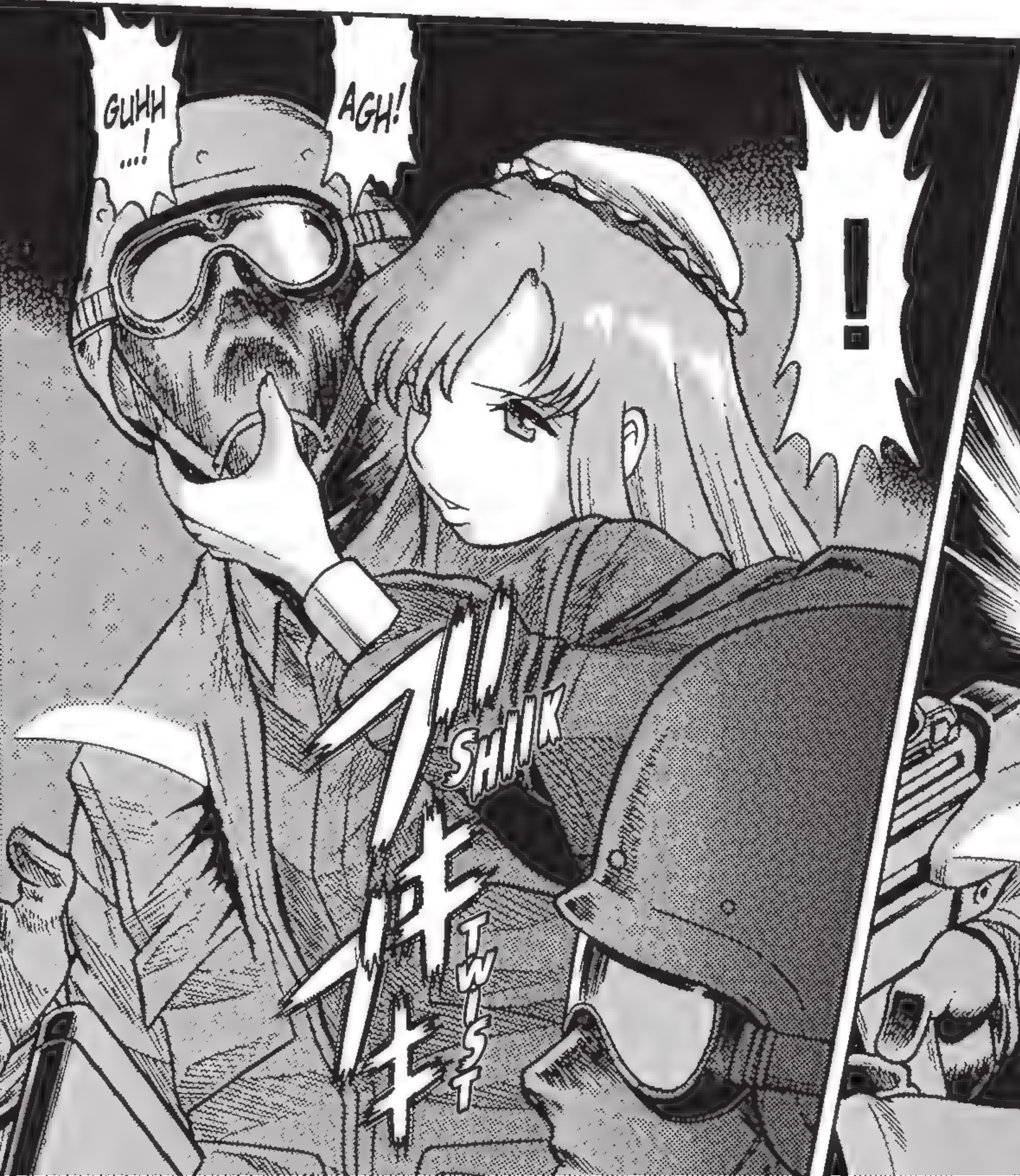
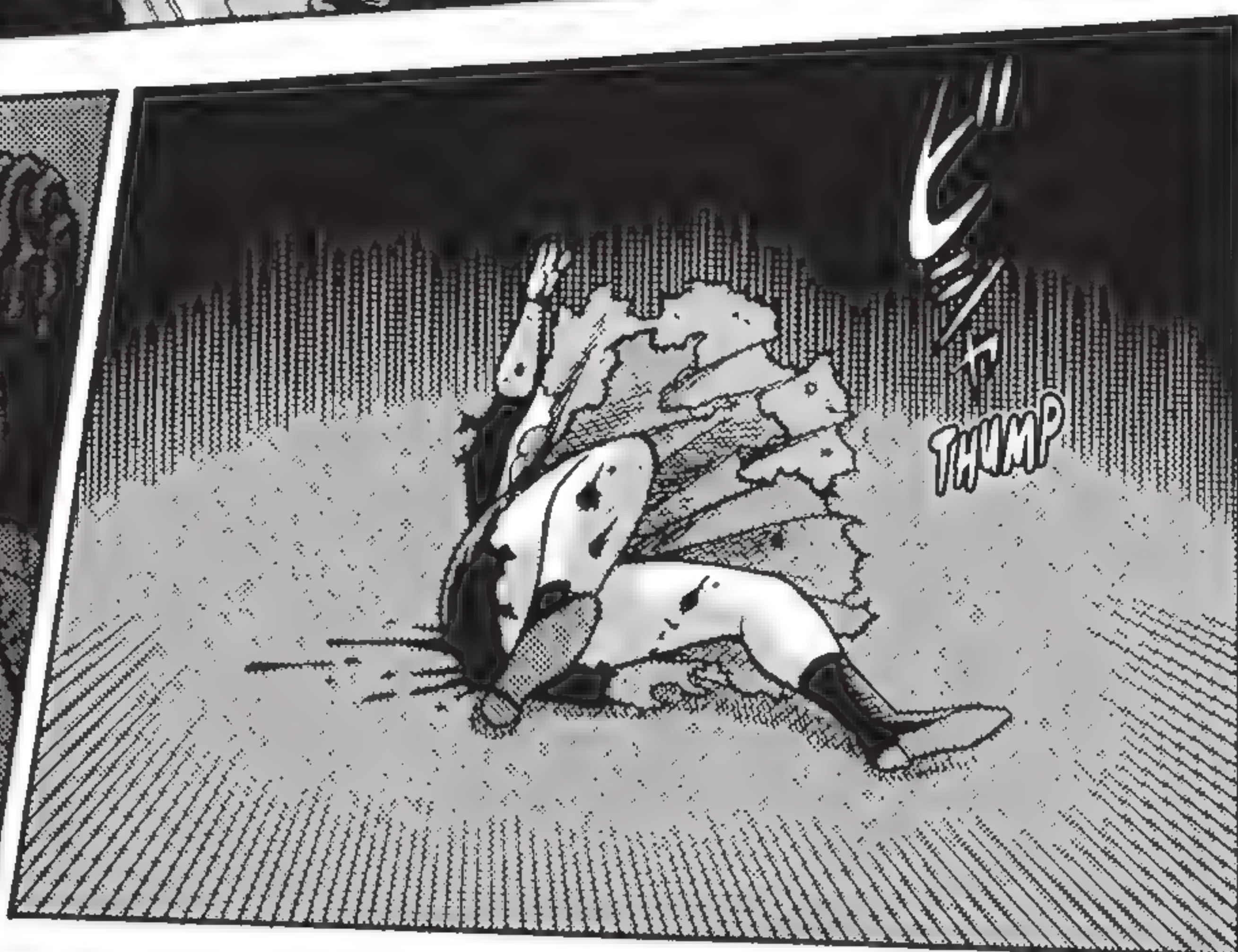
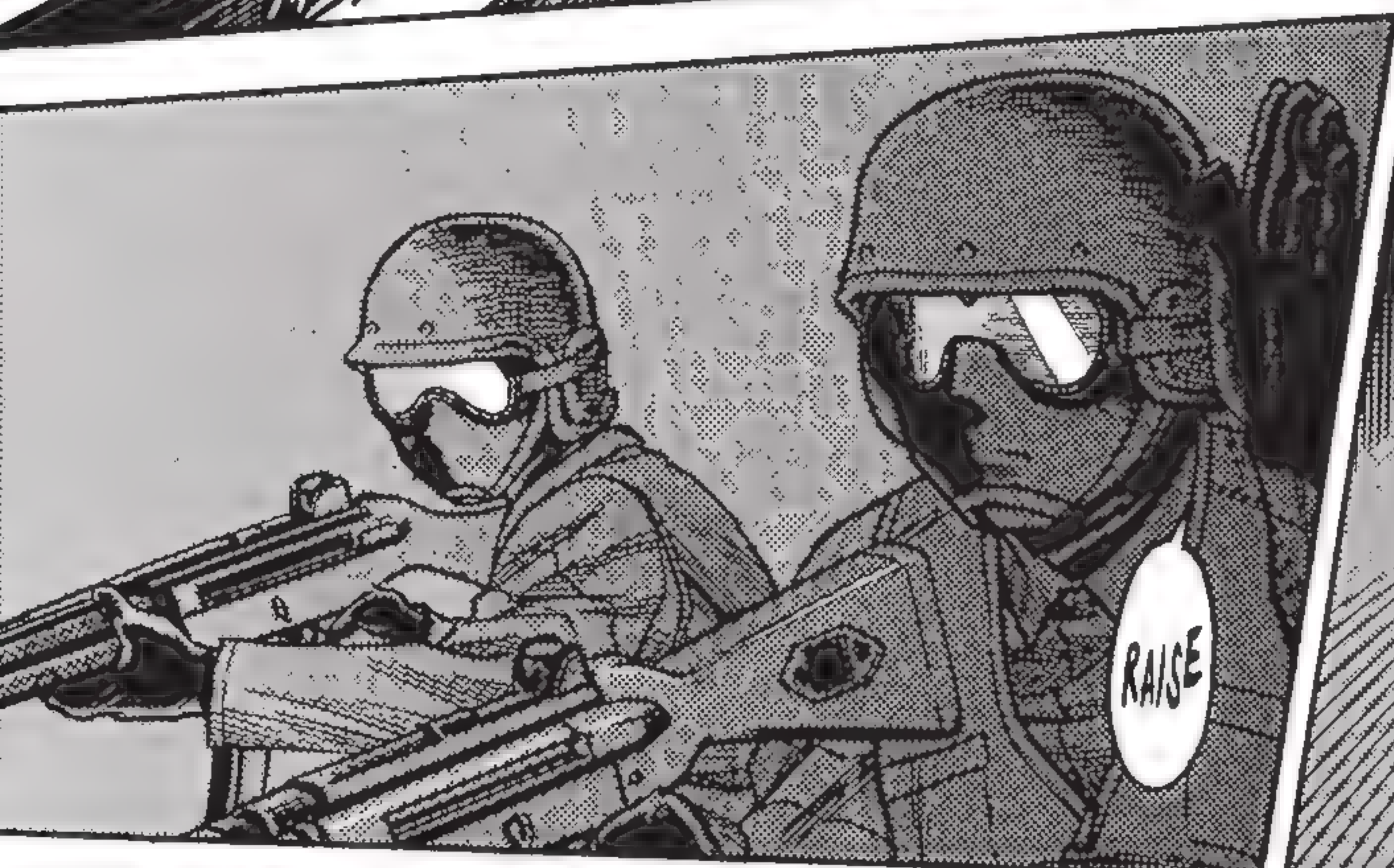





















INSOLENT  
WHELPS,  
CAUSING  
SUCH  
TROUBLE  
FOR HER  
HIGHNESS...

DON'T THINK  
YOU'LL LEAVE  
HERE IN ONE  
PIECE!!



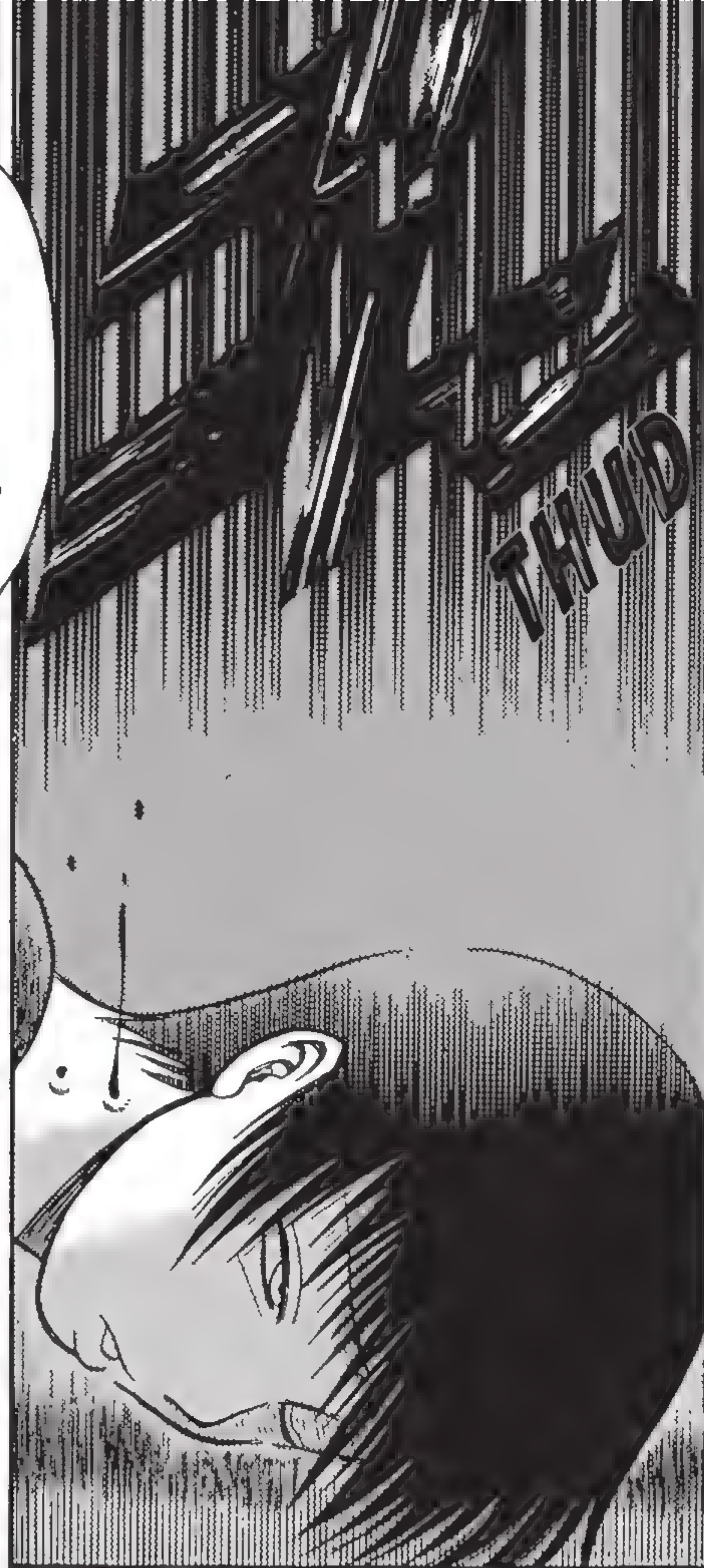
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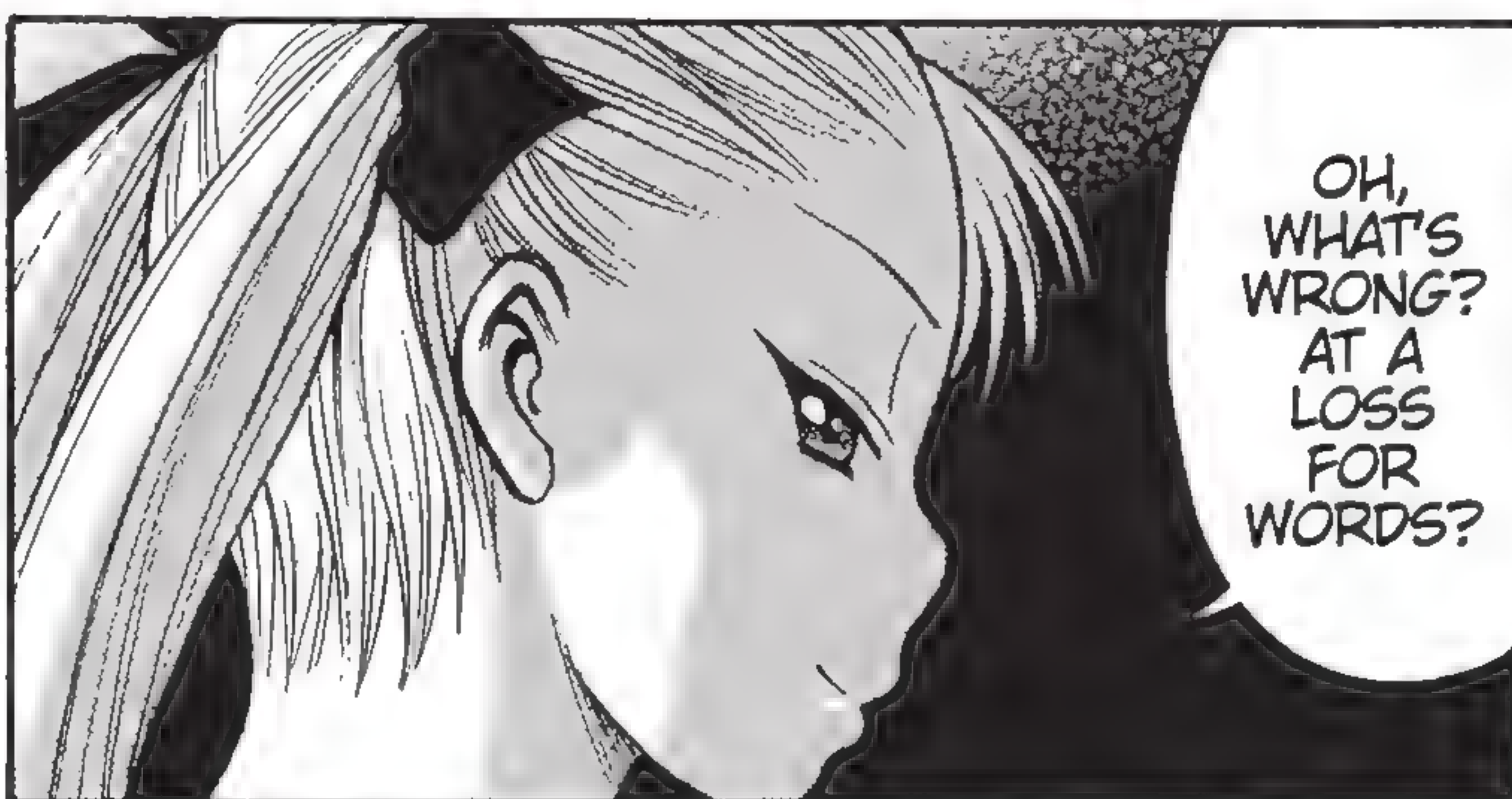


THAT HUMAN  
TASTED  
STRANGE.  
IS SHE DOING  
DRUGS OF  
SOME SORT...?



IT  
CAN'T  
BE  
HELPED.

AS FOR  
YOU...  
WHAT WILL  
YOU DO?



OH,  
WHAT'S  
WRONG?  
AT A  
LOSS  
FOR  
WORDS?



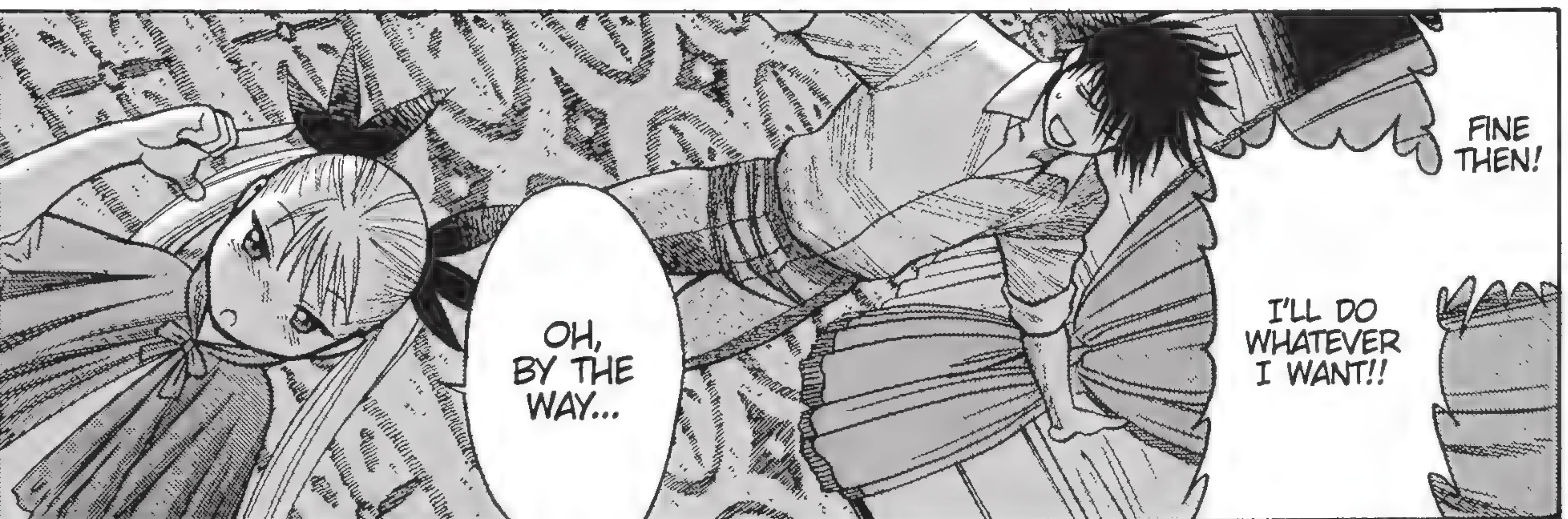
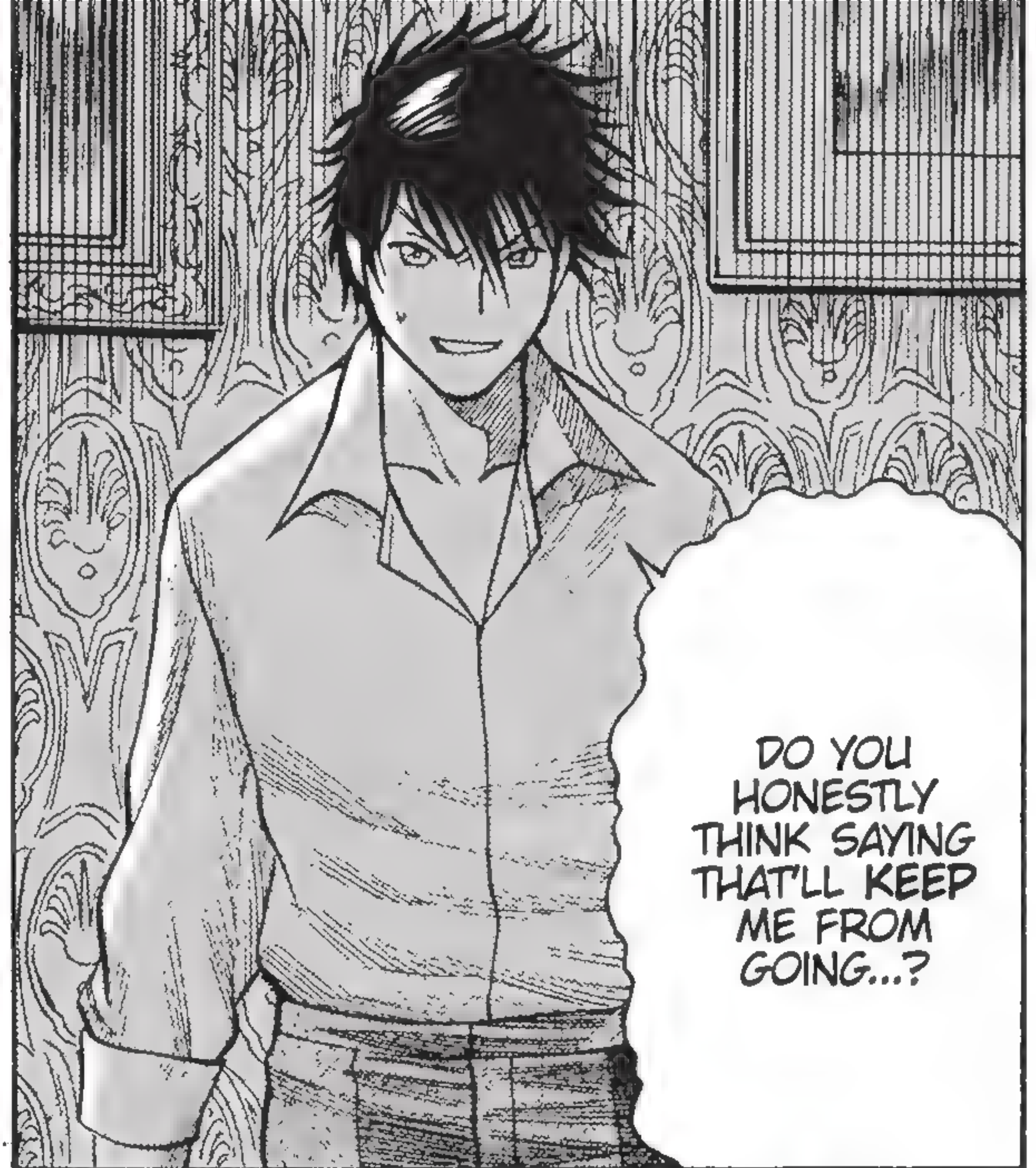
I'D LIKE  
TO SEE  
SOMEONE  
WHO  
WOULDN'T  
BE  
FREAKED  
OUT.

WELL...  
YEAH.

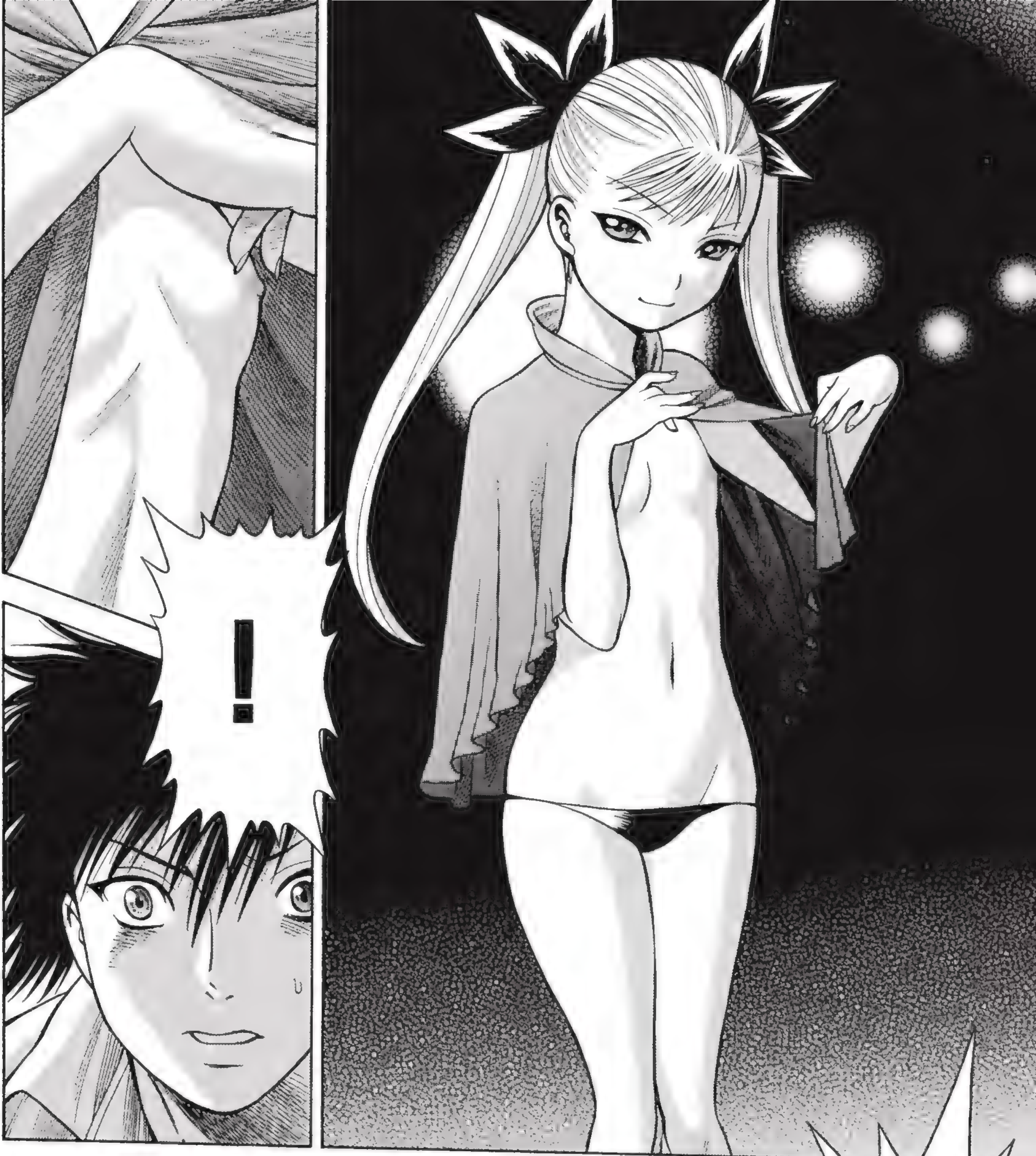














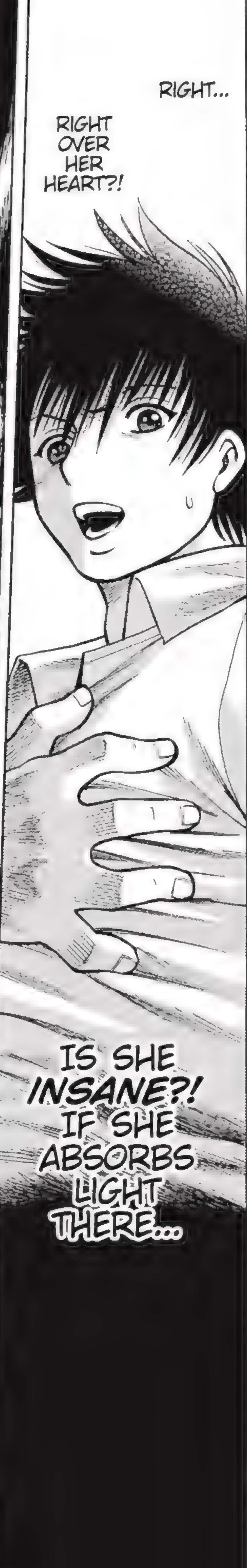


NN...

DASH

LIGH  
...!

GOD  
DAMN  
IT!!



RIGHT...

RIGHT  
OVER  
HER  
HEART?!

IS SHE  
INSANE?!  
IF SHE  
ABSORBS  
LIGHT  
THERE...



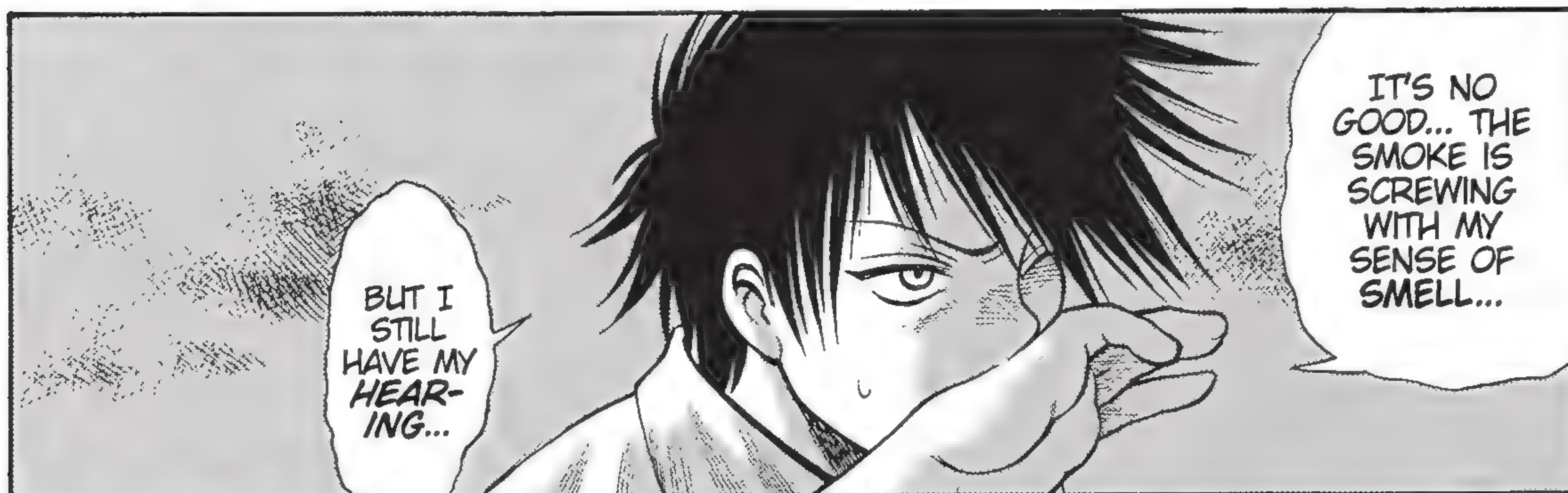


WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
IS DAD  
DOING  
?!

SHIT!  
DID THEY  
SET THE  
PLACE  
ON FIRE  
?!

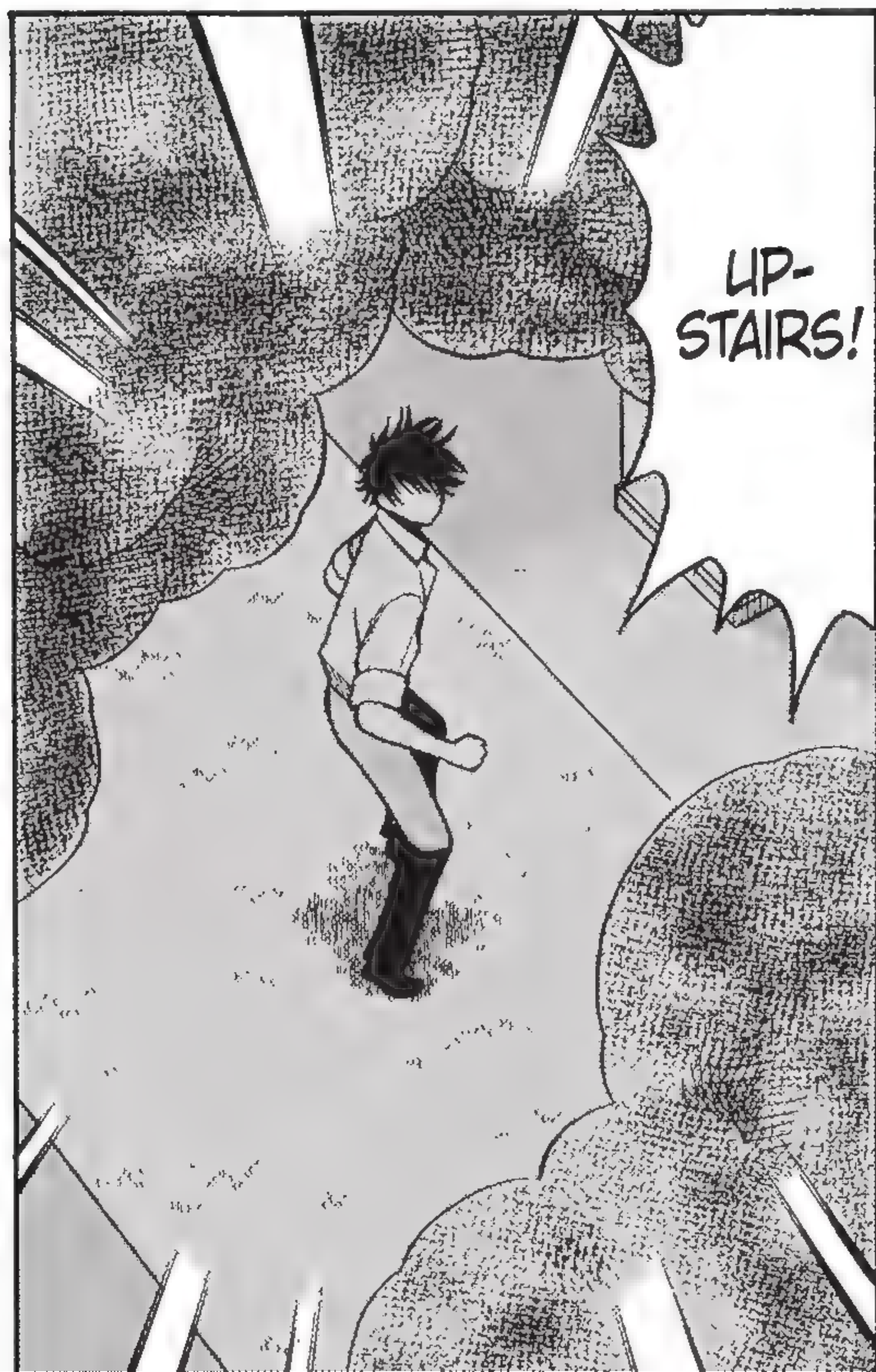


!



BUT I  
STILL  
HAVE MY  
HEAR-  
ING...

IT'S NO  
GOOD... THE  
SMOKE IS  
SCREWING  
WITH MY  
SENSE OF  
SMELL...



UP-  
STAIRS!



BANG

TAT TAT TAT

BOOM

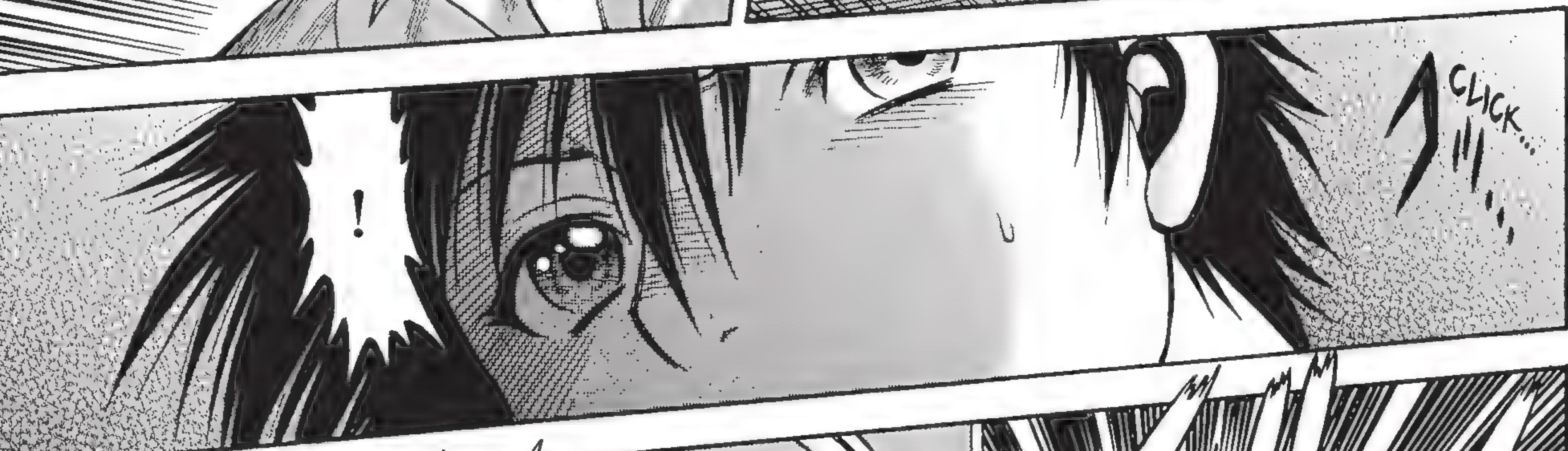
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THUD

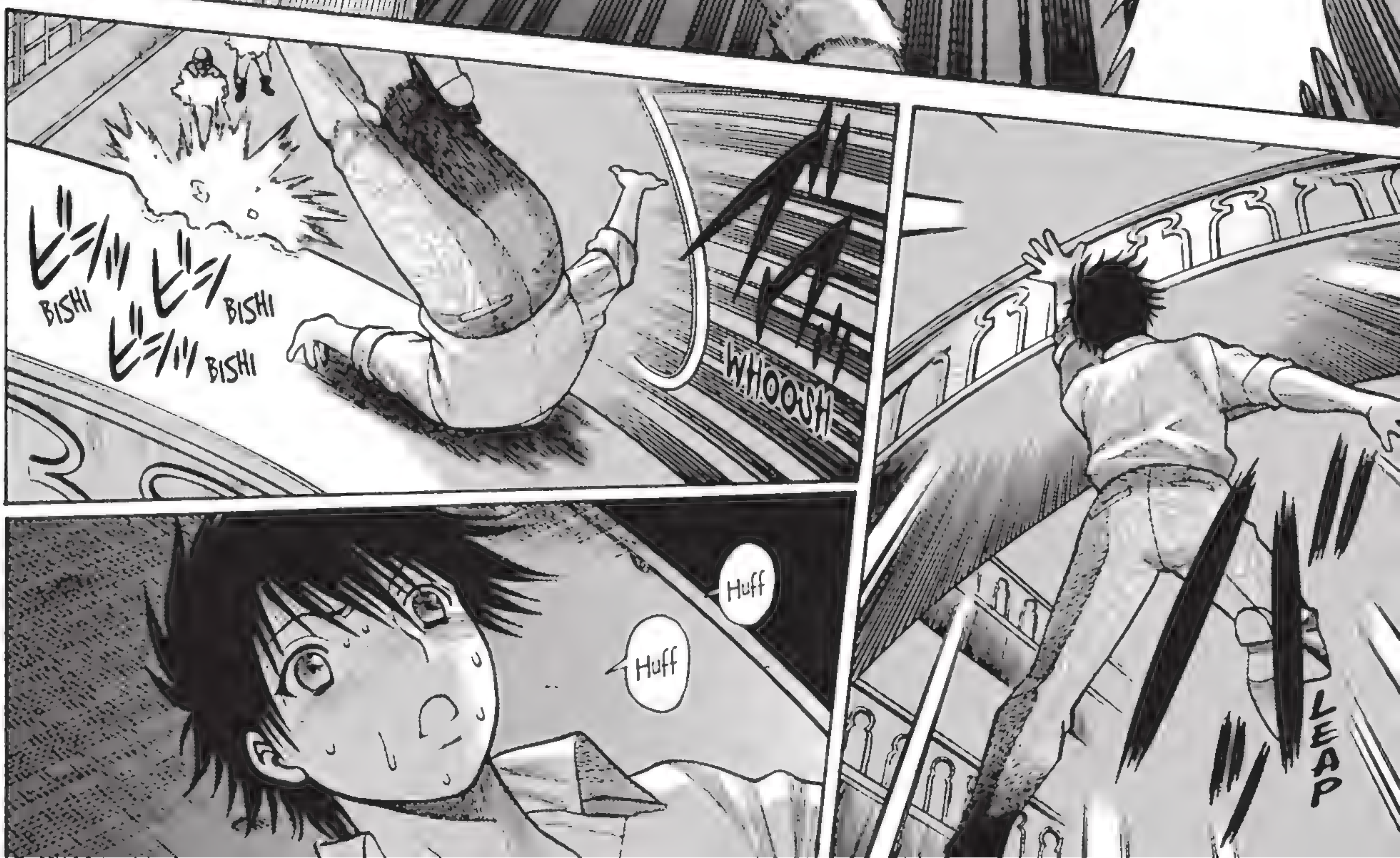
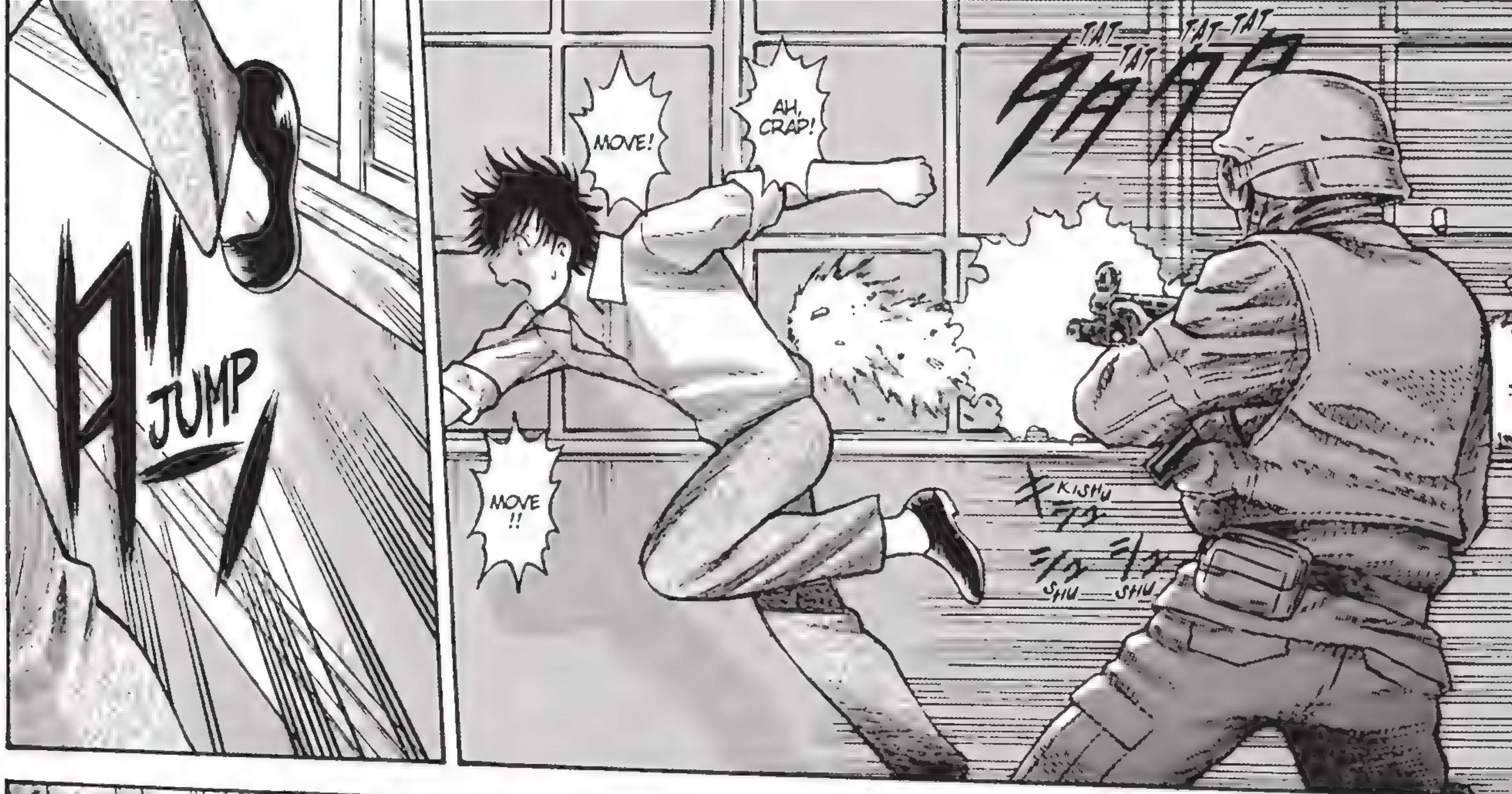


PAA PAA PAA













THESE  
SOLDIERS,  
THEY'RE  
WELL-TRAINED.



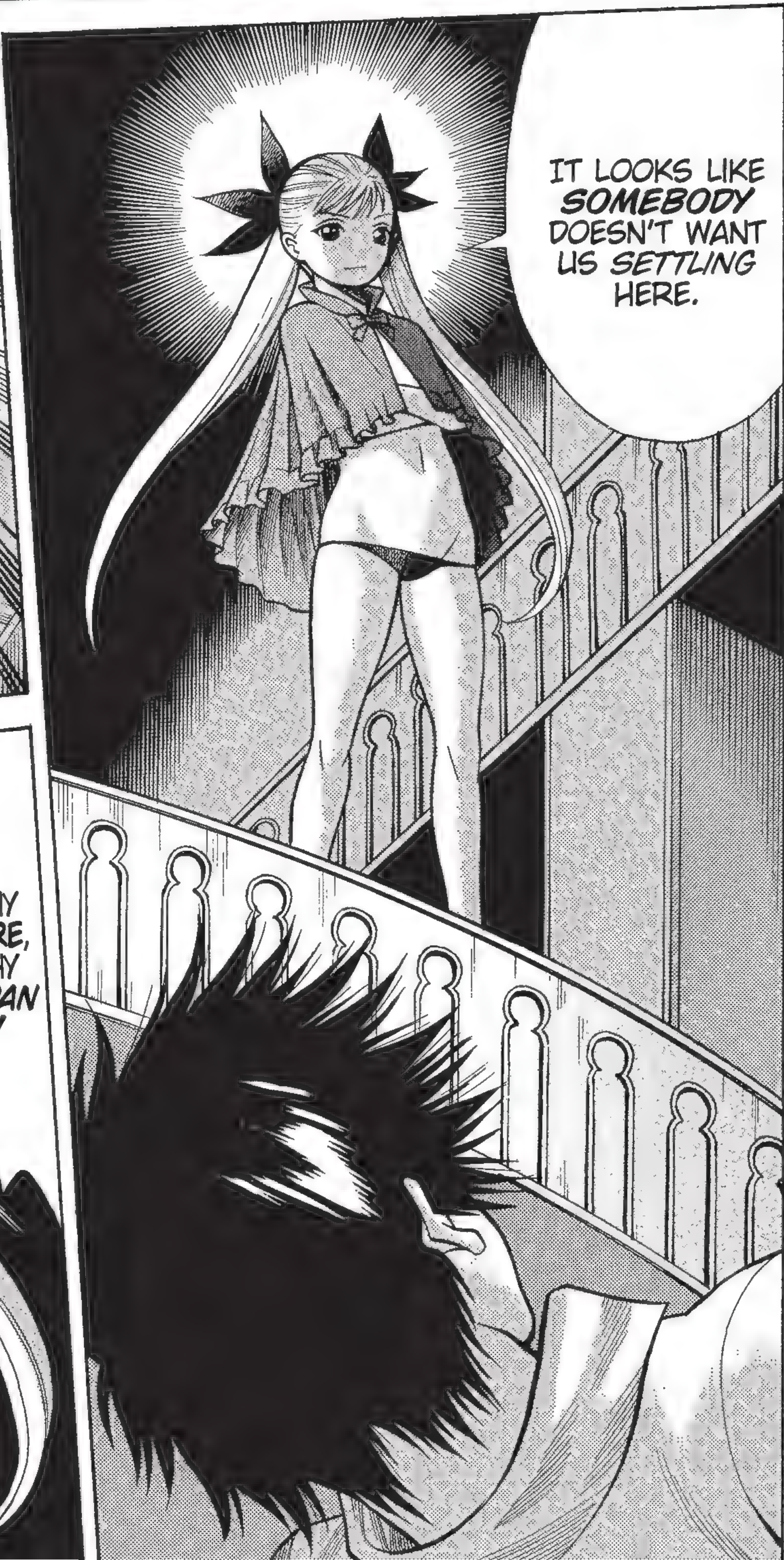
OF  
COURSE  
THEY  
DON'T!

YOU'RE  
VAMPIRES  
!!



WHY  
HERE,  
WHY  
JAPAN  
?!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TRYING  
TO DO  
HERE  
ANYWAY?!



IT LOOKS LIKE  
**SOMEBODY**  
DOESN'T WANT  
US SETTLING  
HERE.





IS TO  
SEE  
YOU.

BUT THE  
ONLY  
REASON  
I'M HERE  
TODAY...



WHAT  
?



PREPAR-  
ING FOR  
BATTLE...

I  
SLIP-  
POSE.



WHY WOULD THE  
RULER OF ALL  
VAMPIRES COME SO  
FAR JUST TO MEET  
ME, WITHOUT  
WORRYING AT  
ALL ABOUT BEING  
ATTACKED IN THE  
PROCESS?

DON'T BE  
STUPID,  
THAT CAN'T  
BE IT!

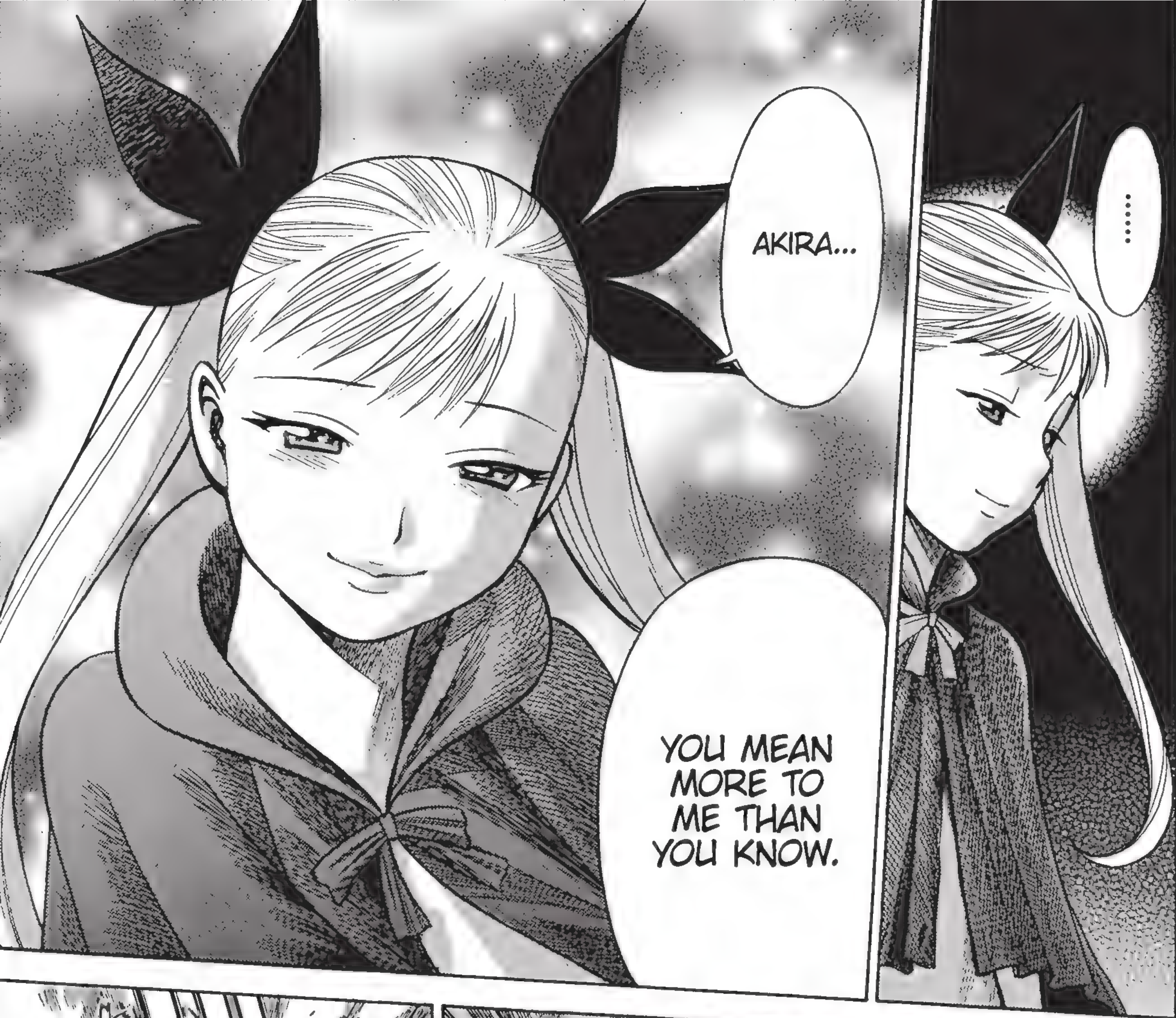


I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
YOU WOULD  
EXPOSE  
YOURSELF TO  
SUNLIGHT  
JUST FOR  
THAT!

IT'S  
TRUE THAT  
I ONCE  
MADE A  
PROMISE  
TO SERVE  
YOU...

BUT I'M  
JUST ONE  
OUT OF  
GOD KNOWS  
HOW MANY  
SERVANTS  
YOU HAVE!





AKIRA...

YOU MEAN  
MORE TO  
ME THAN  
YOU KNOW.

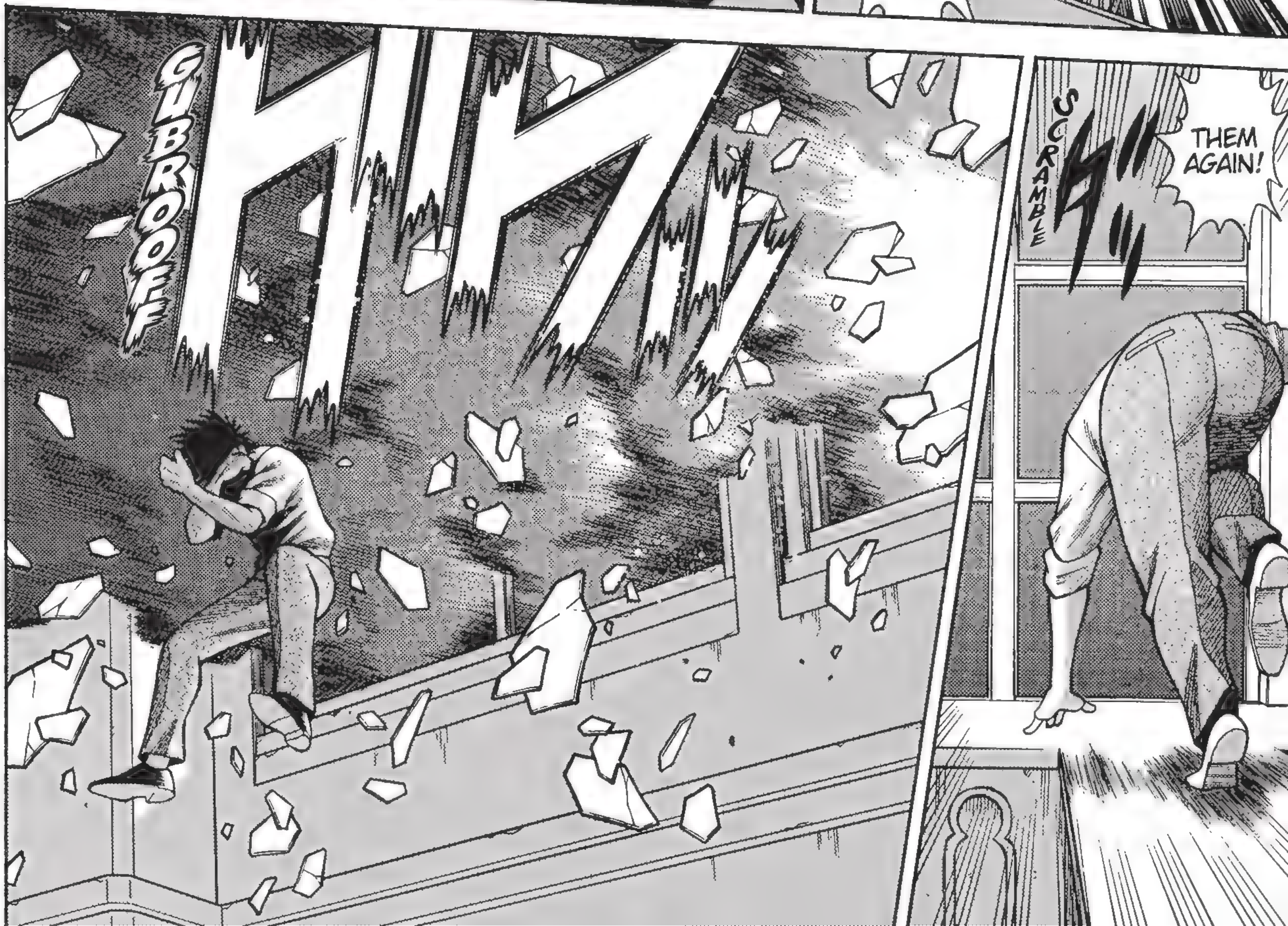


WHAT  
DOES  
THAT  
MEA...?

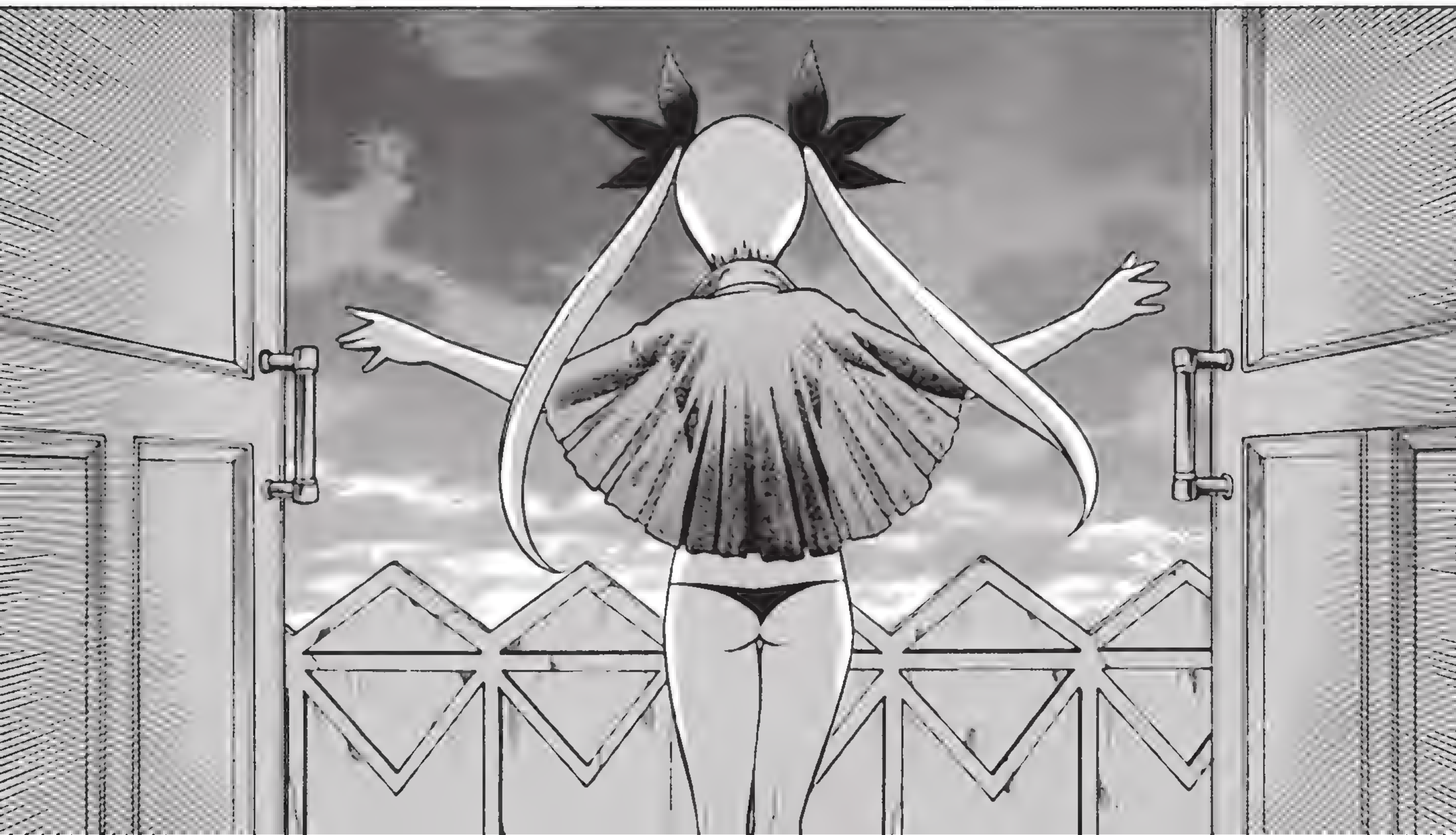
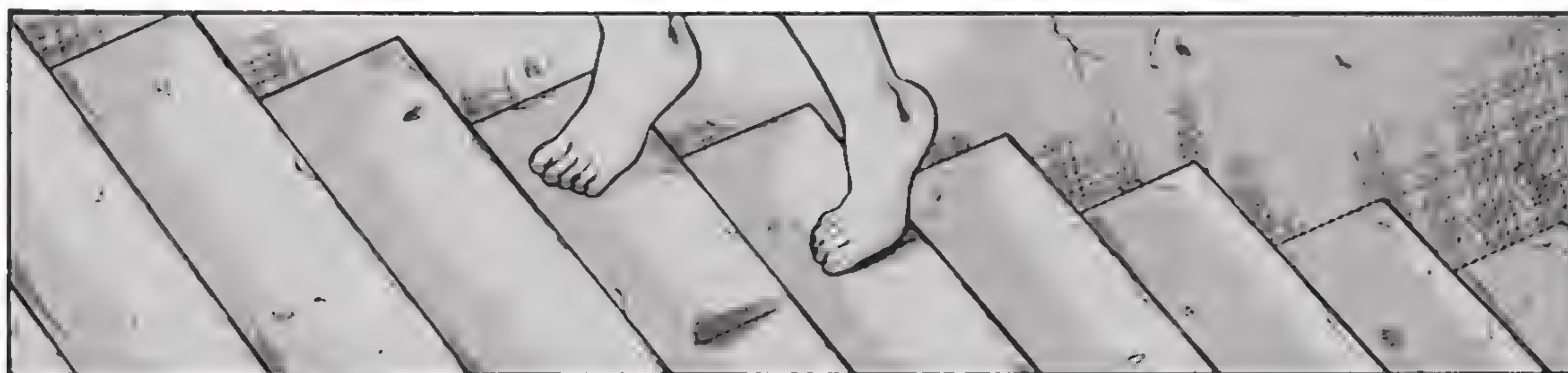
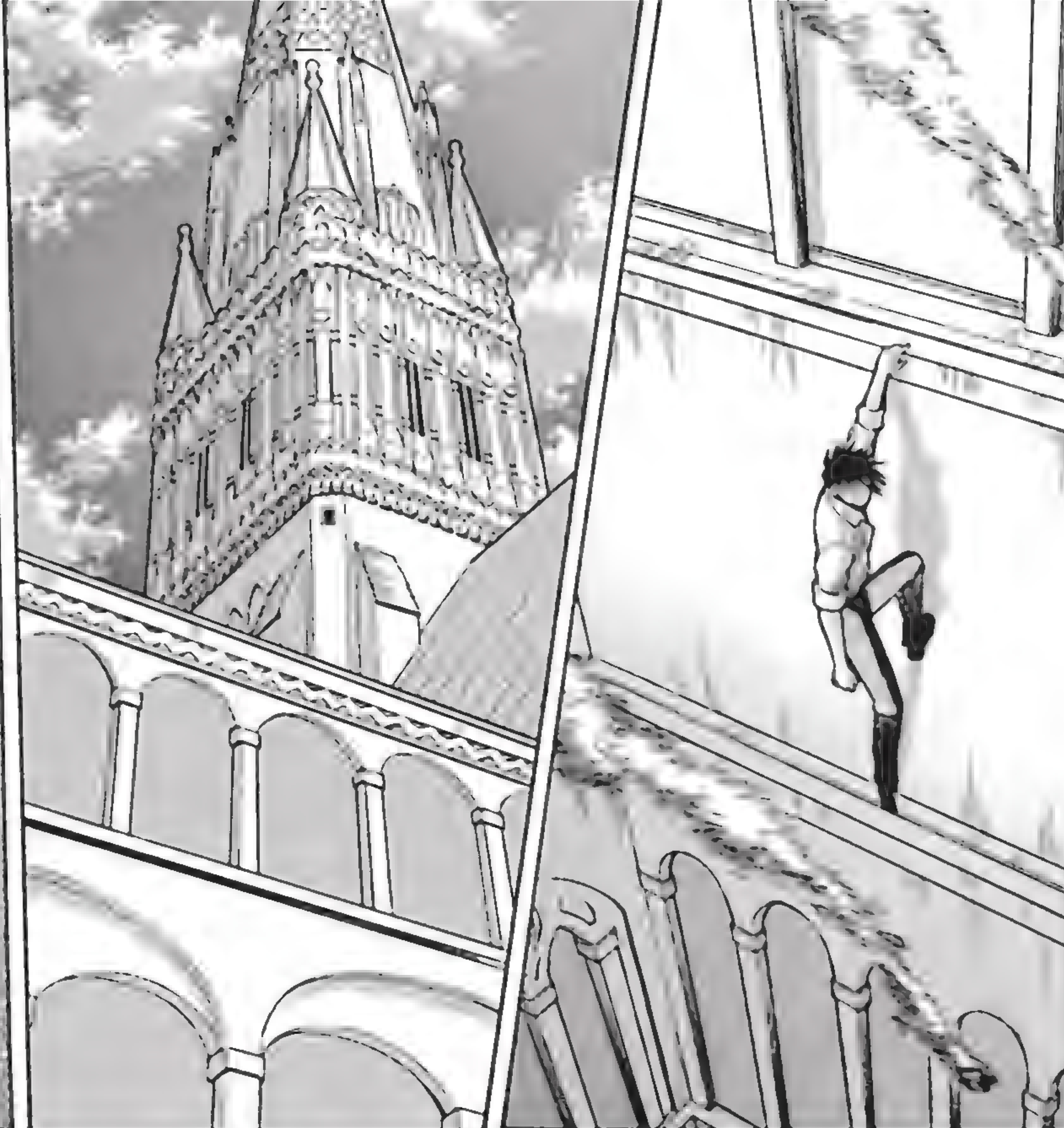
HUH?

IT  
DOESN'T  
LOOK LIKE  
WE HAVE  
TIME TO  
TALK.

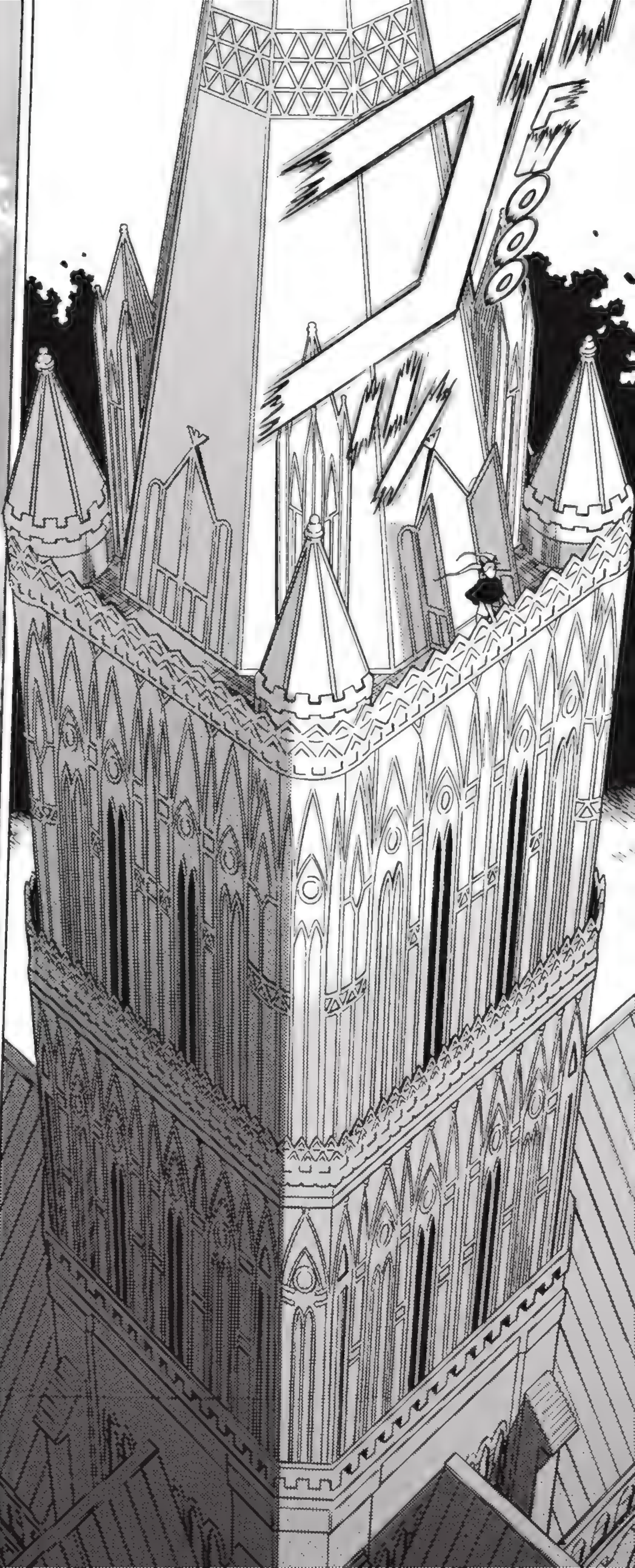
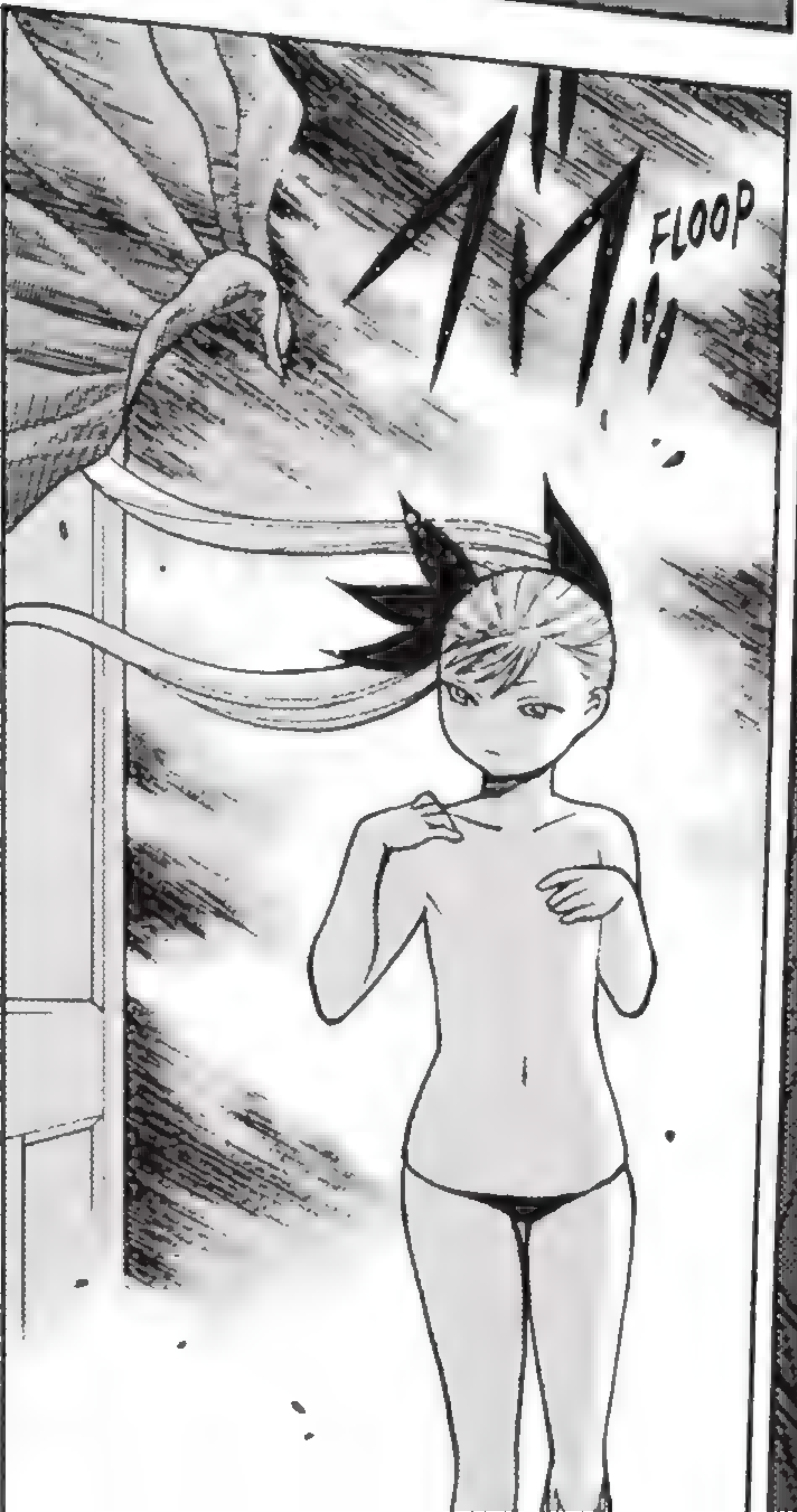
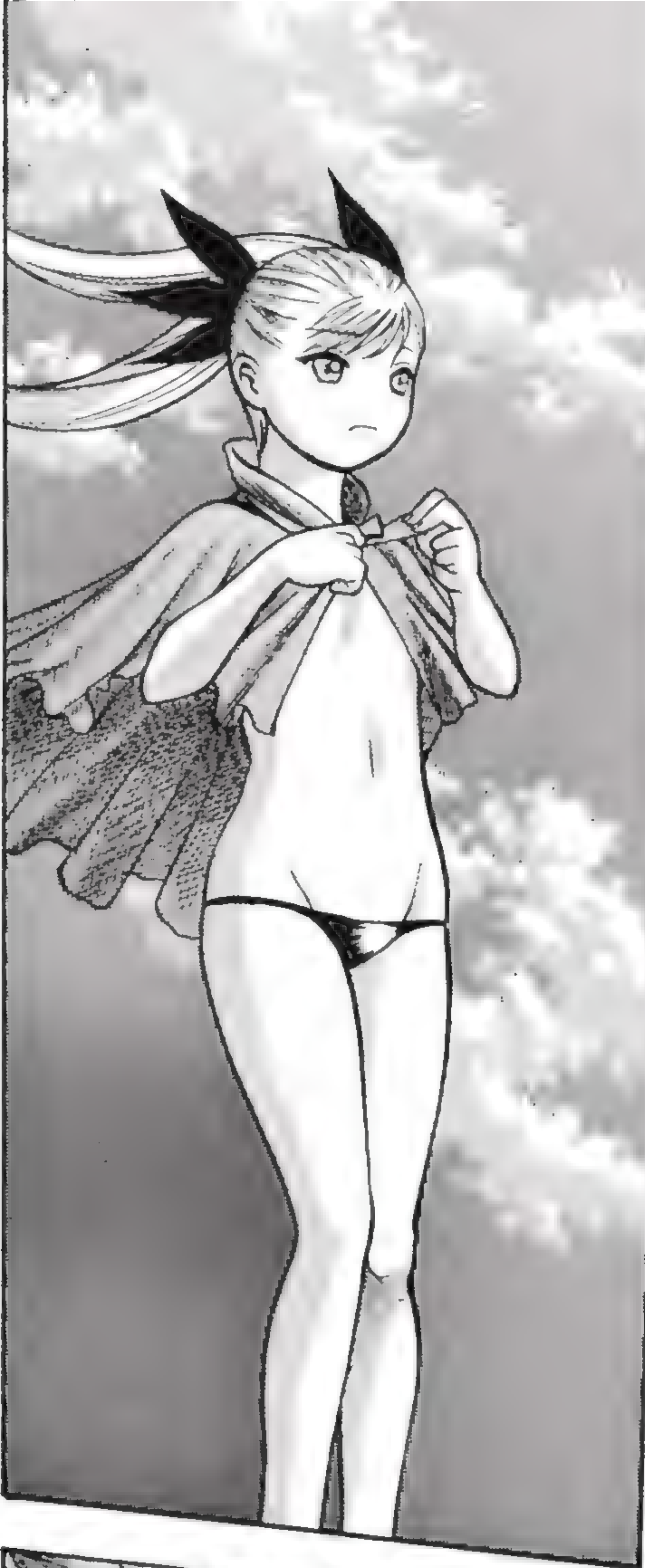




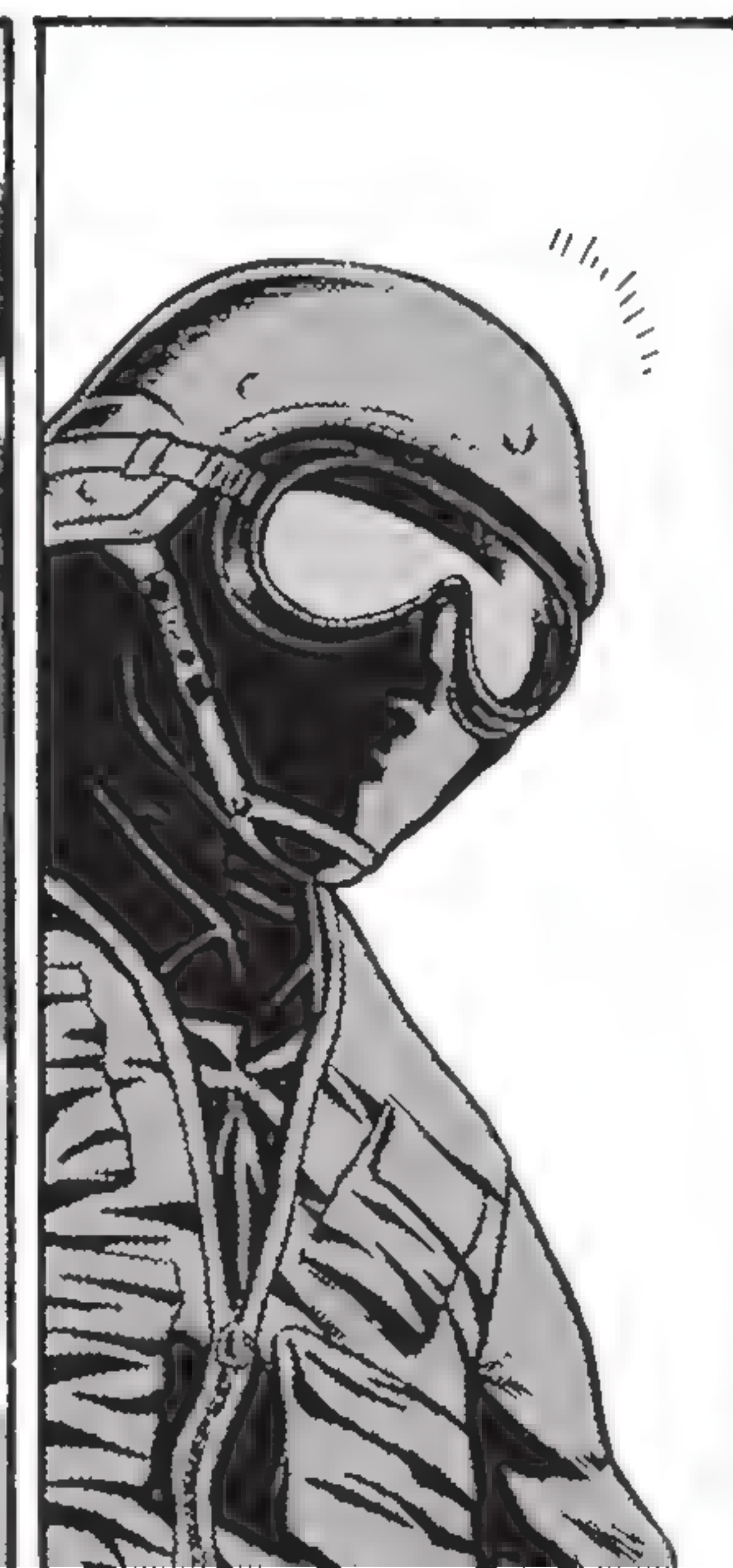
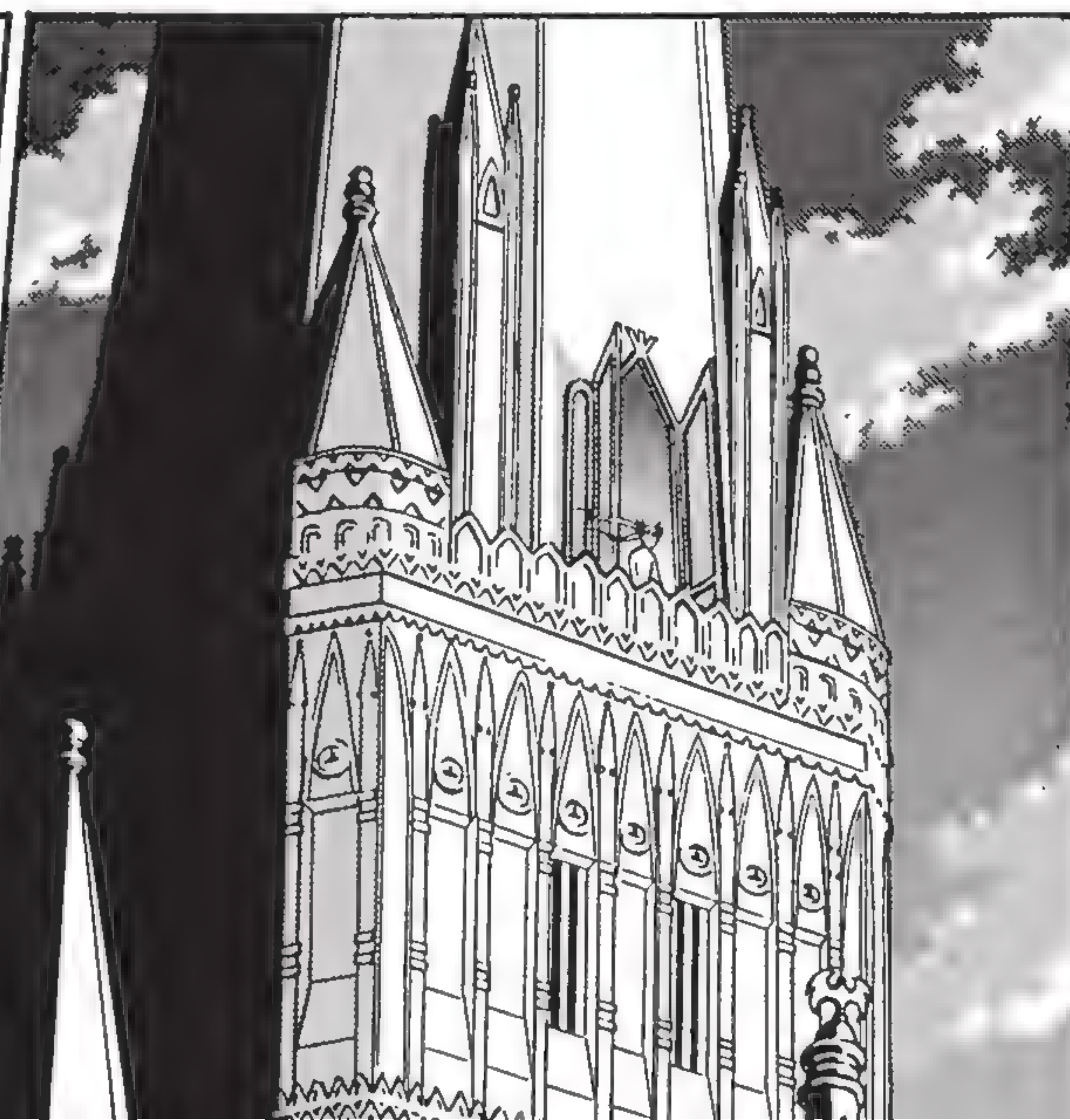
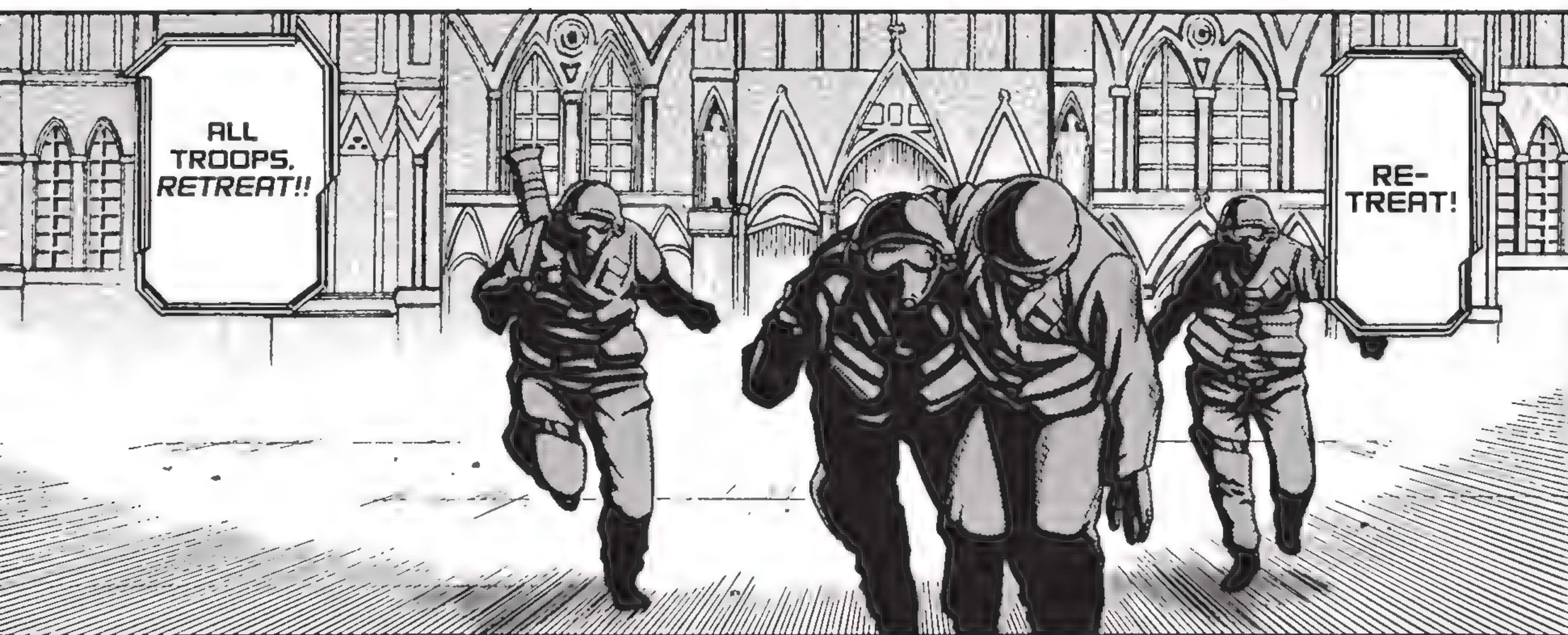
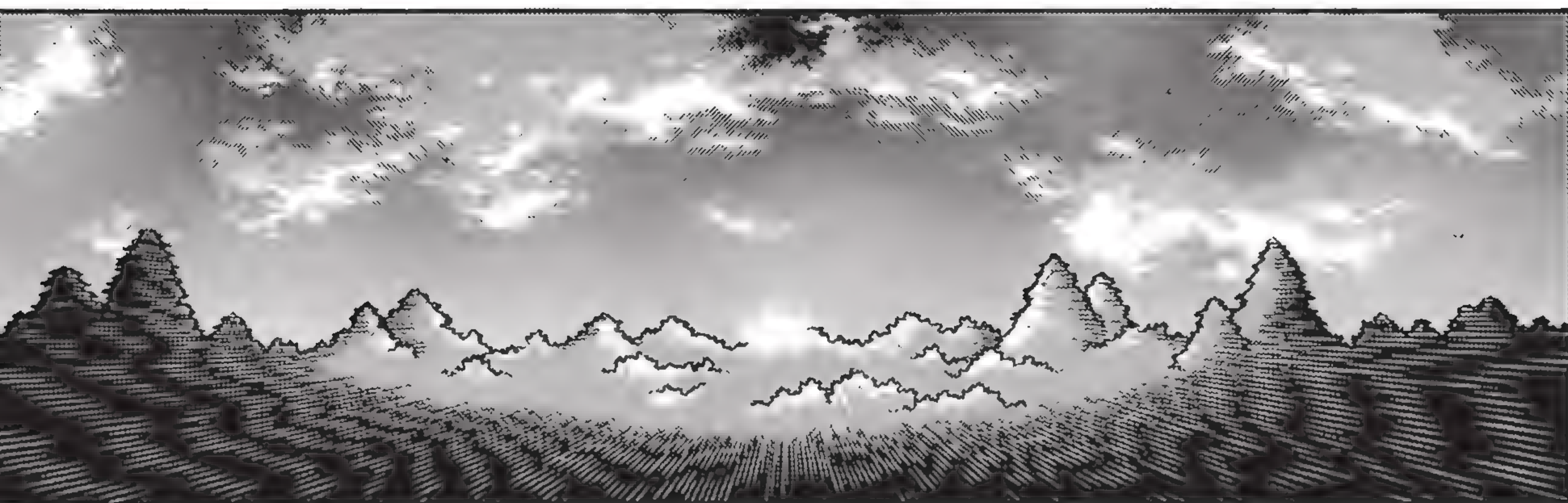




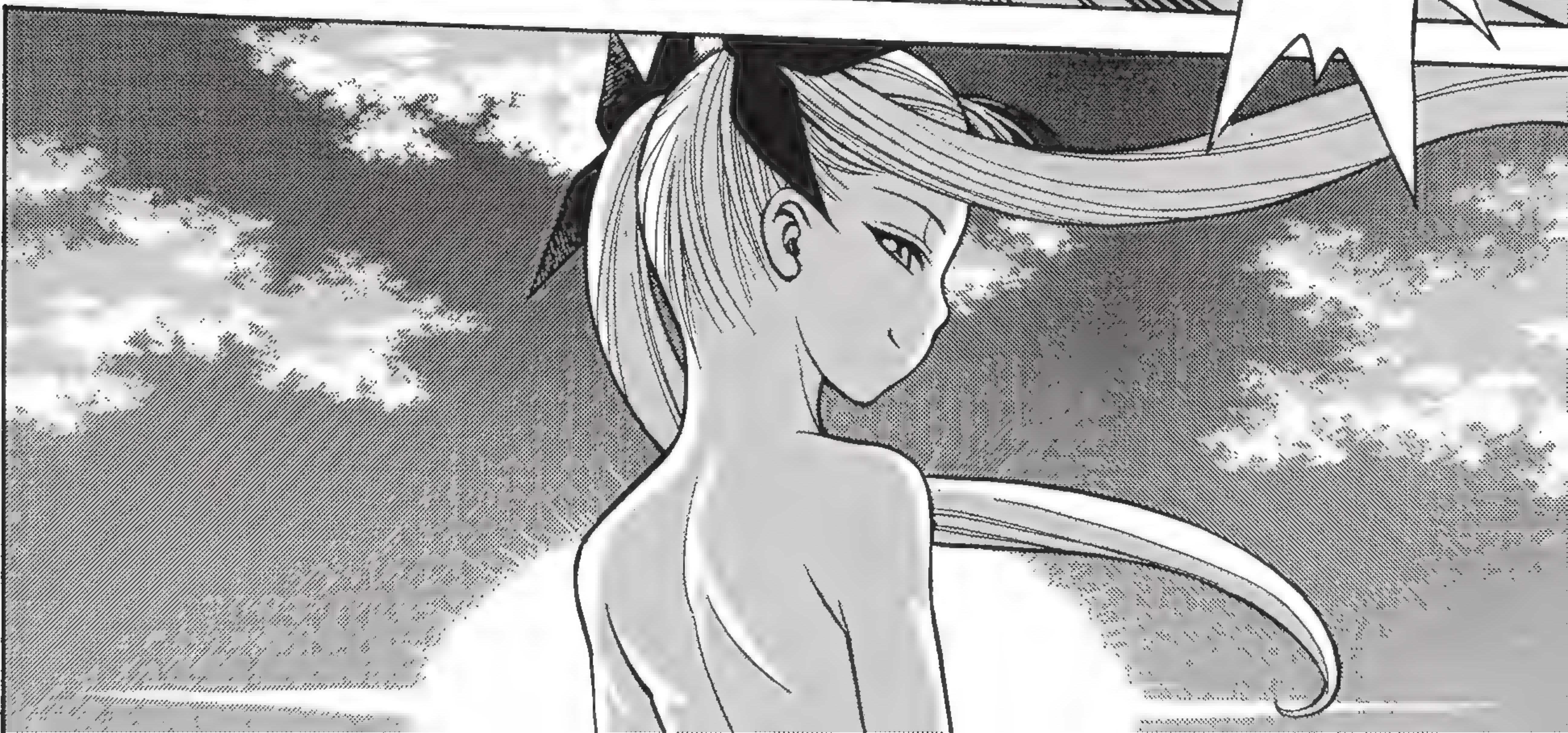
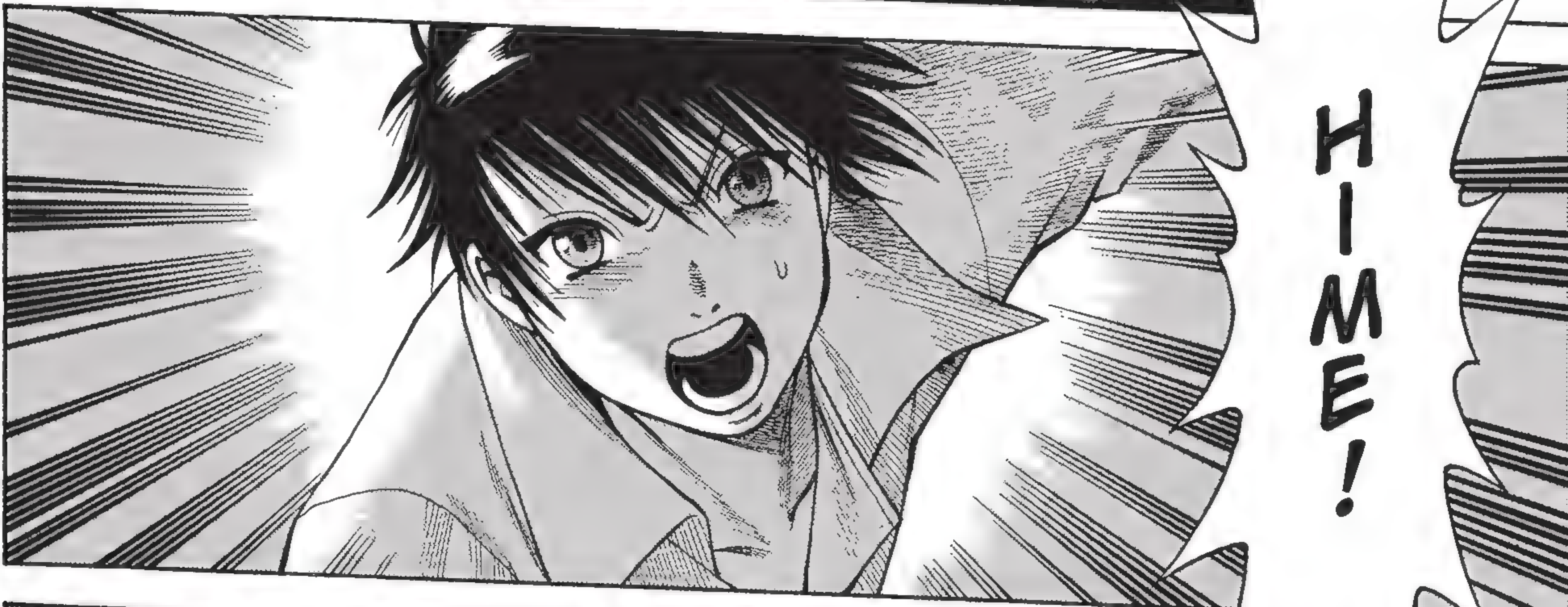
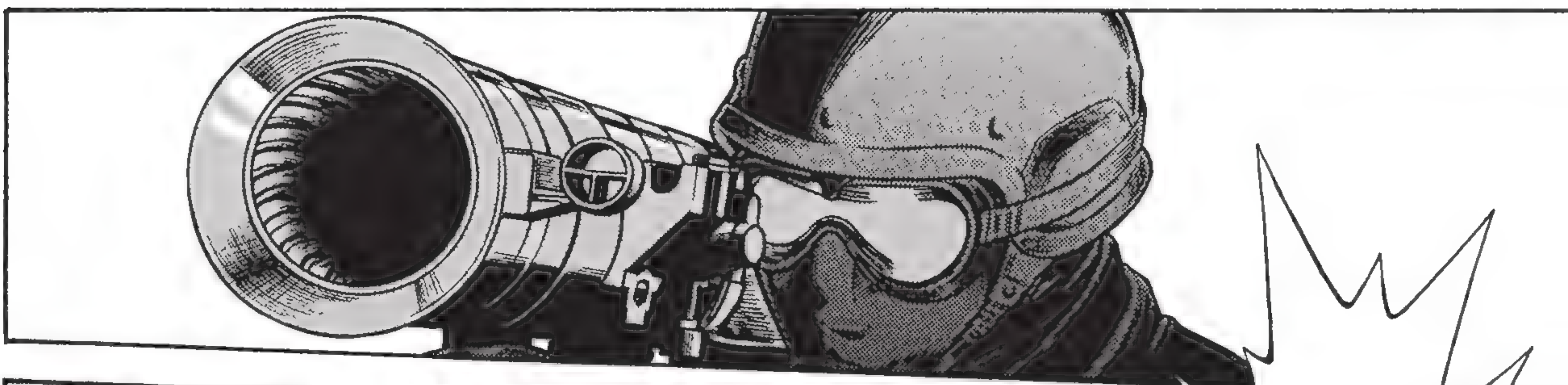
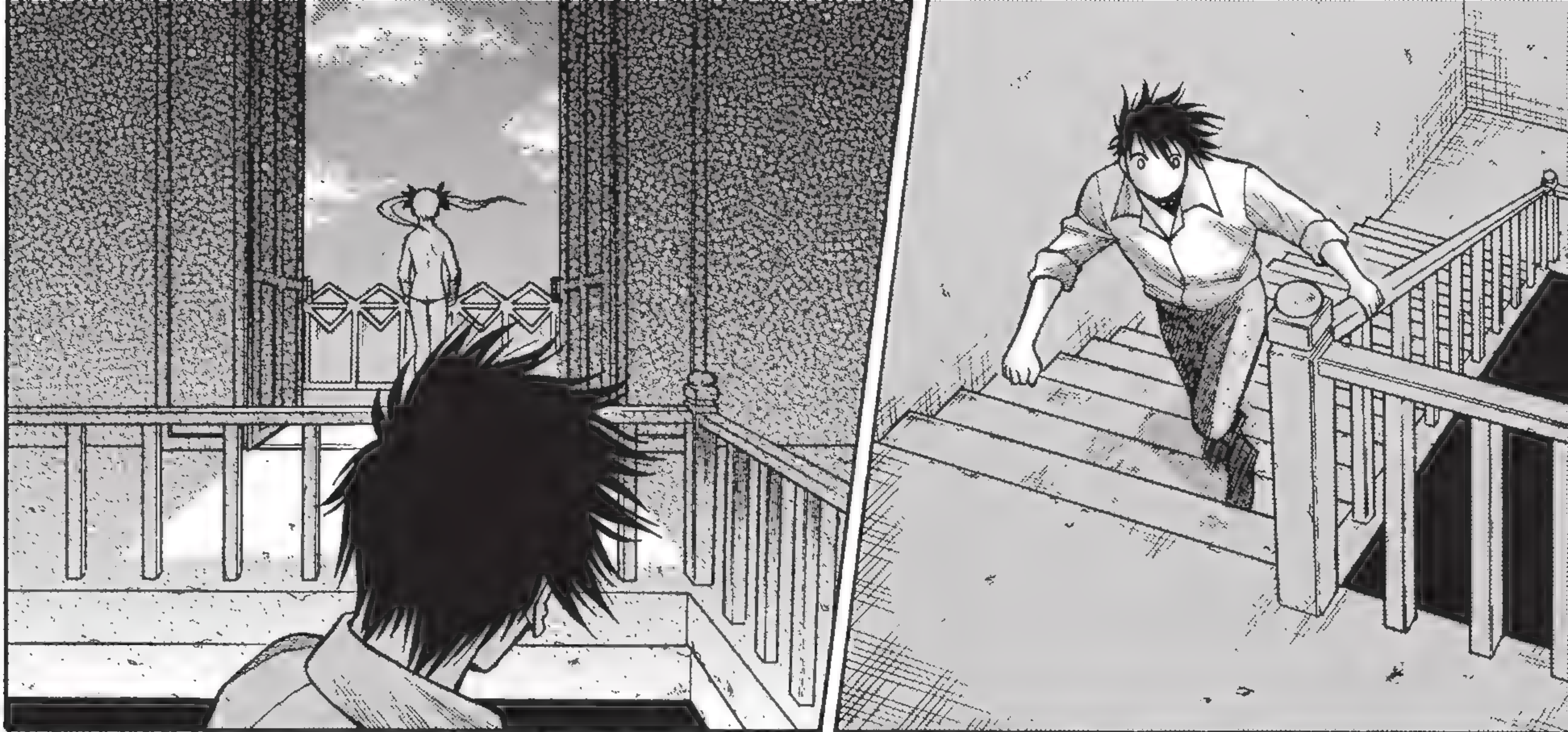








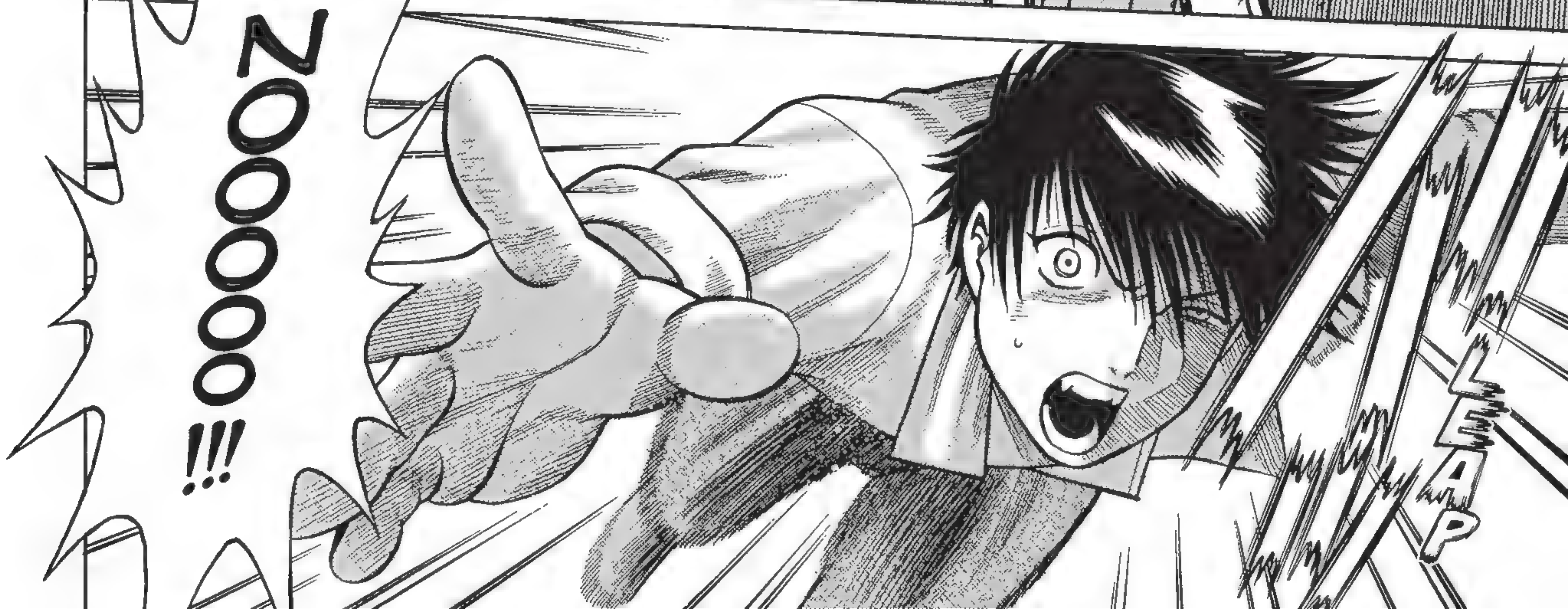
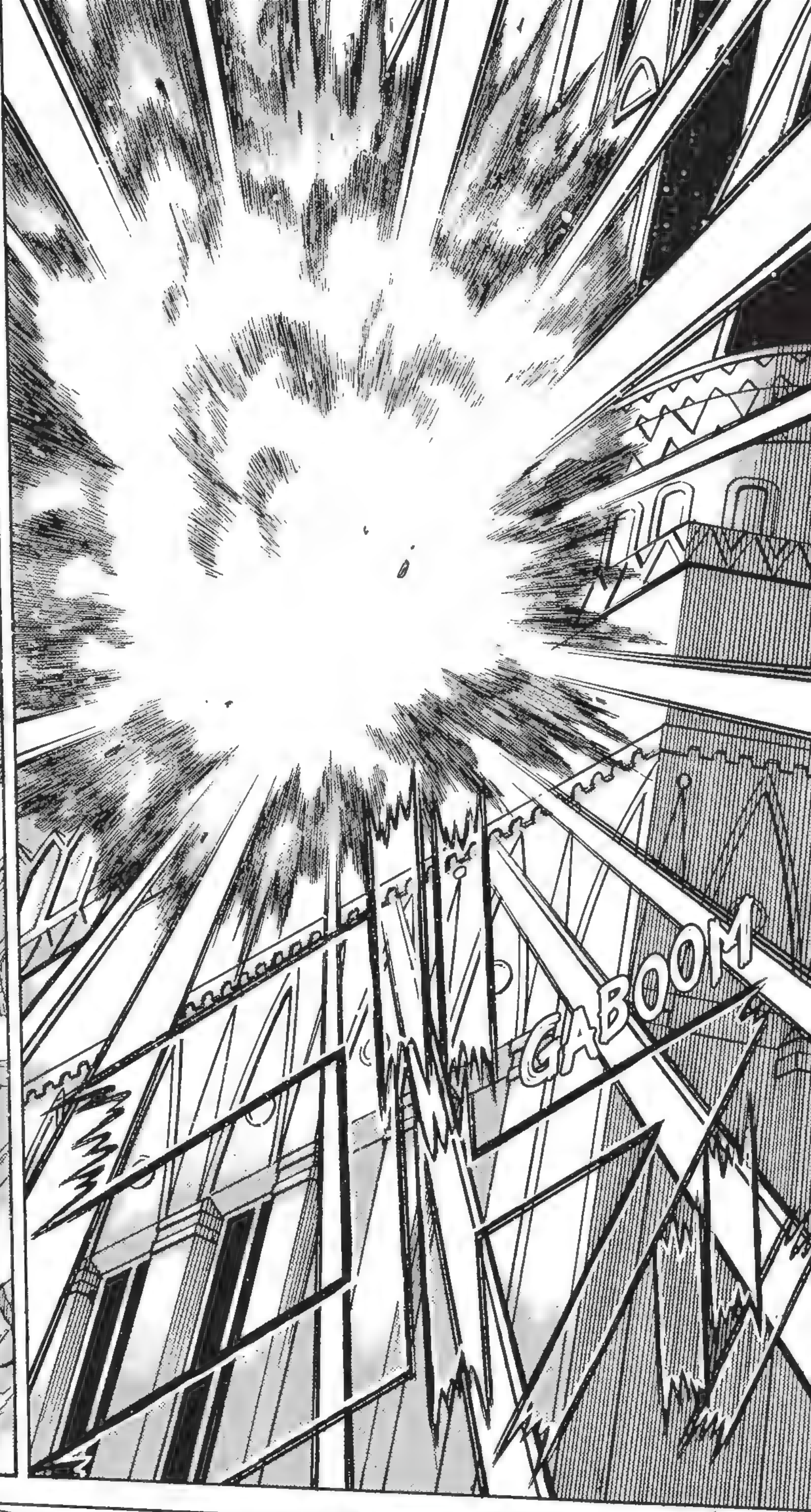
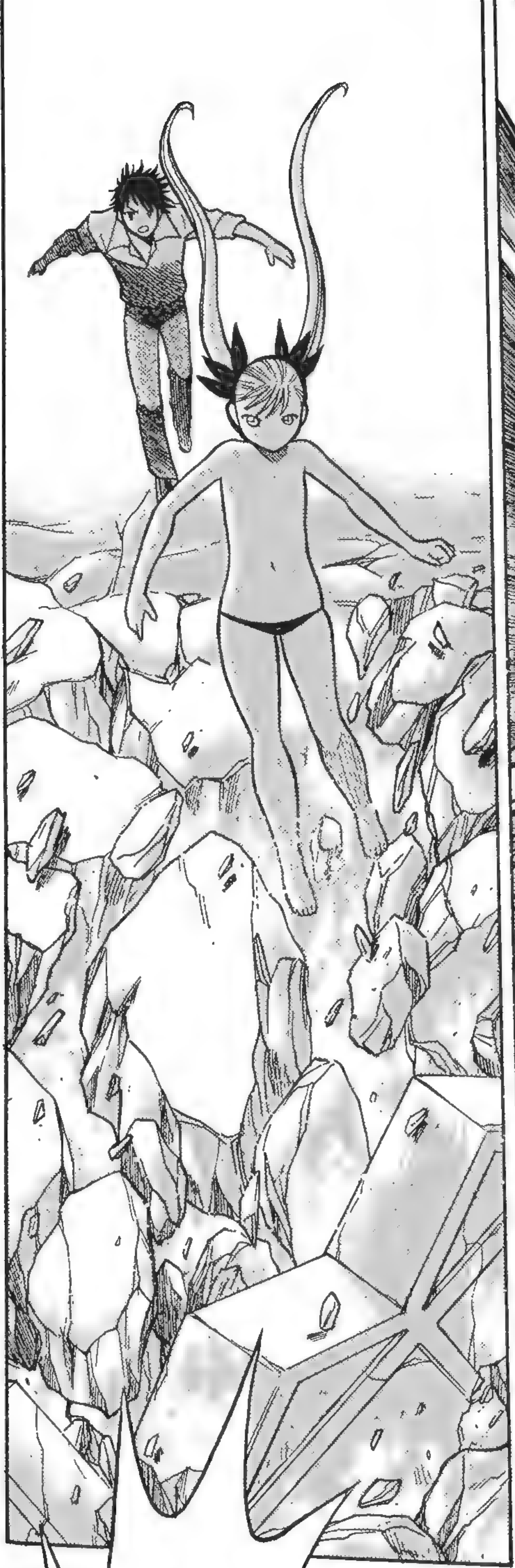












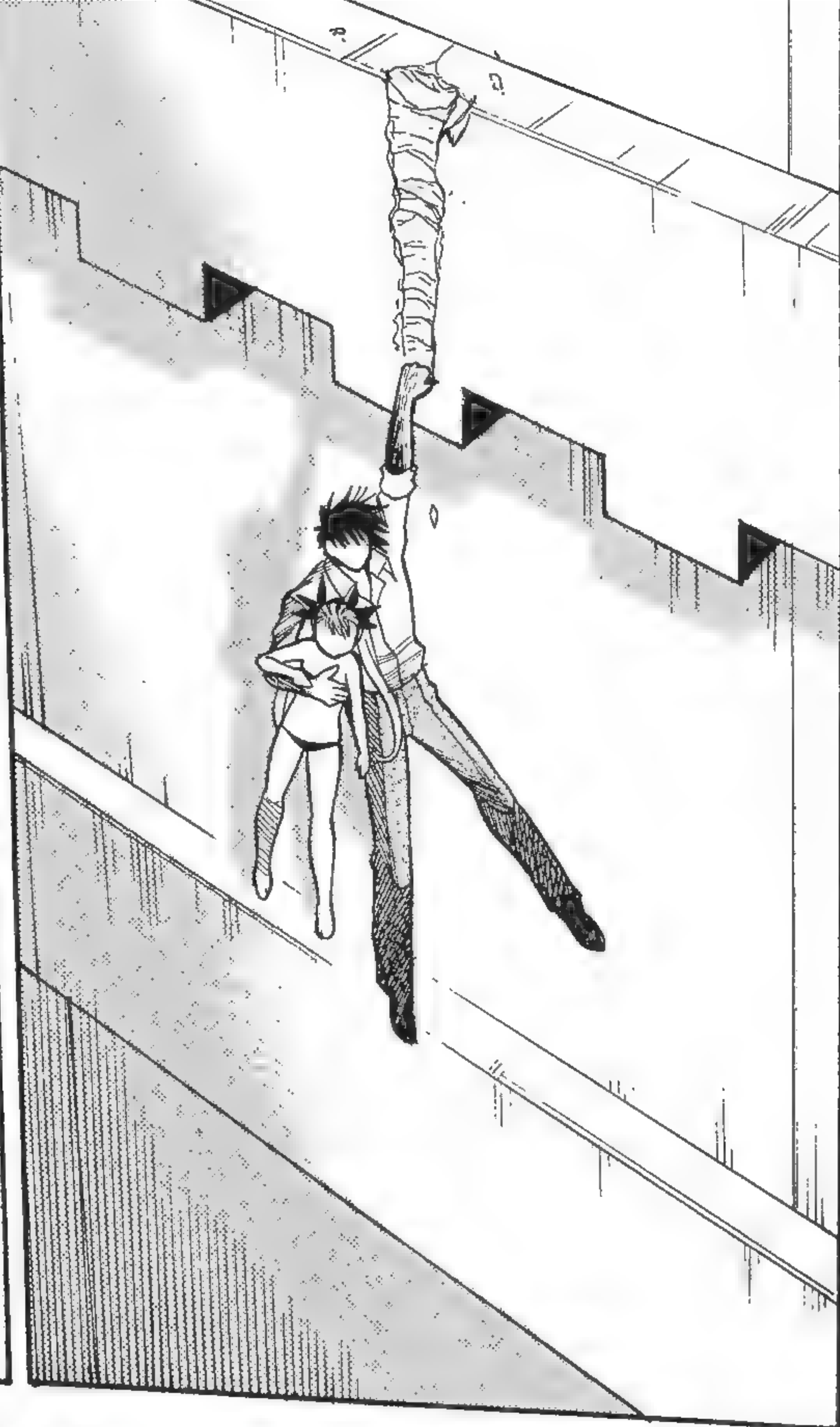
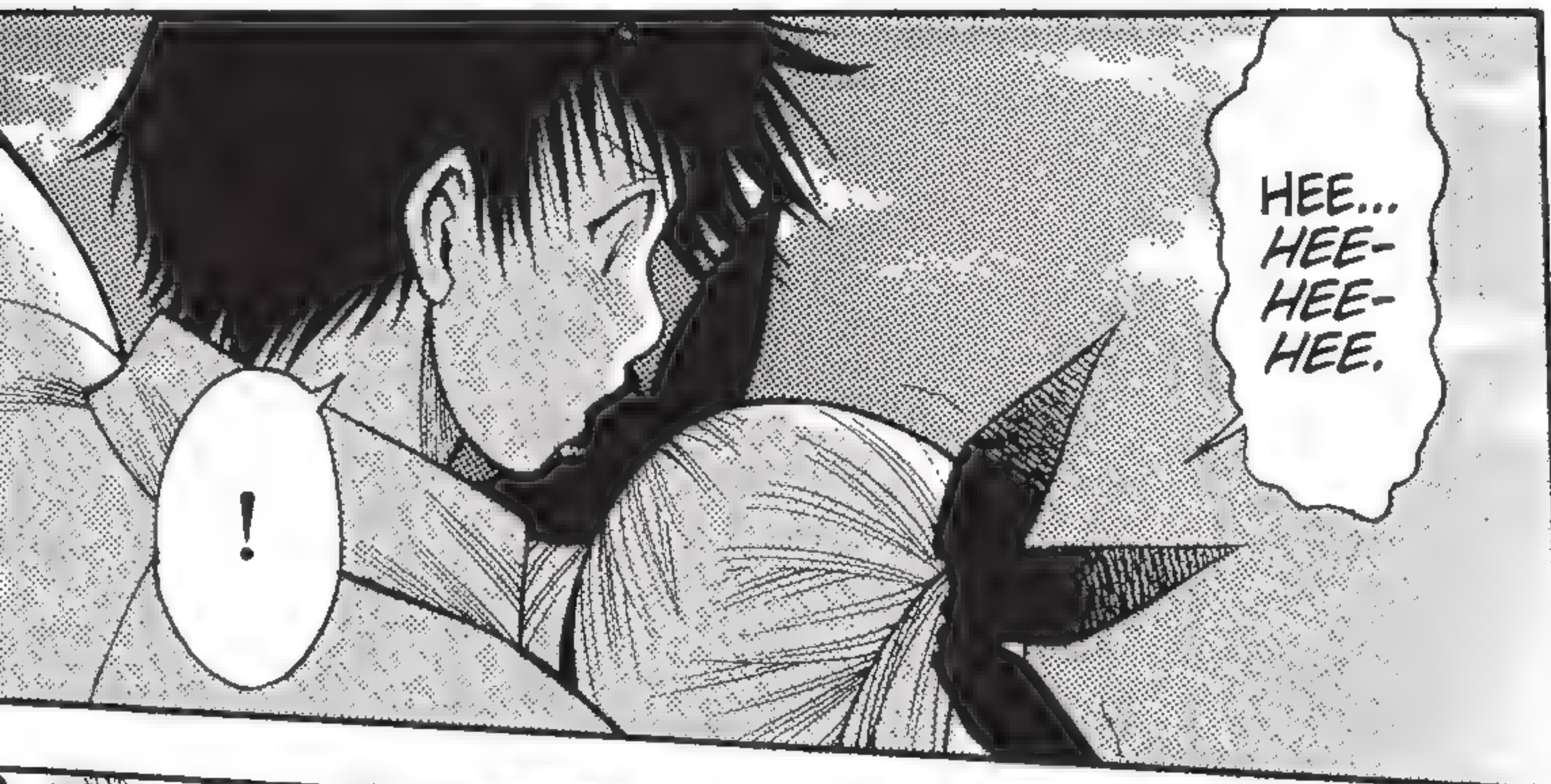




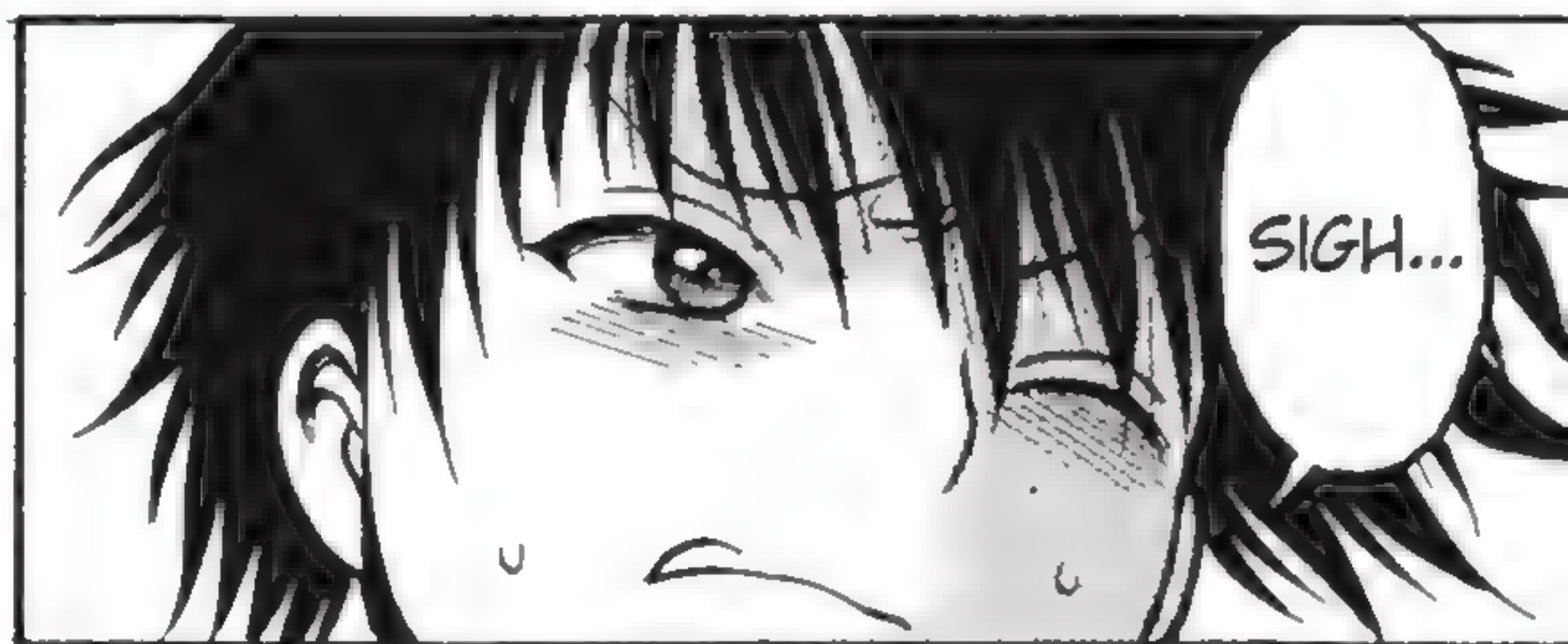
















HEY,  
DON'T  
LET GO  
OF ME!

AHH!

S-  
SORRY  
!!

ACK! IS  
THERE NO  
PLEASING  
YOU?!



IT'S  
EMBAR-  
RASSING.

CAN WE  
START BY  
FIGURING  
OUT HOW  
TO GET  
DOWN  
FROM  
HERE?

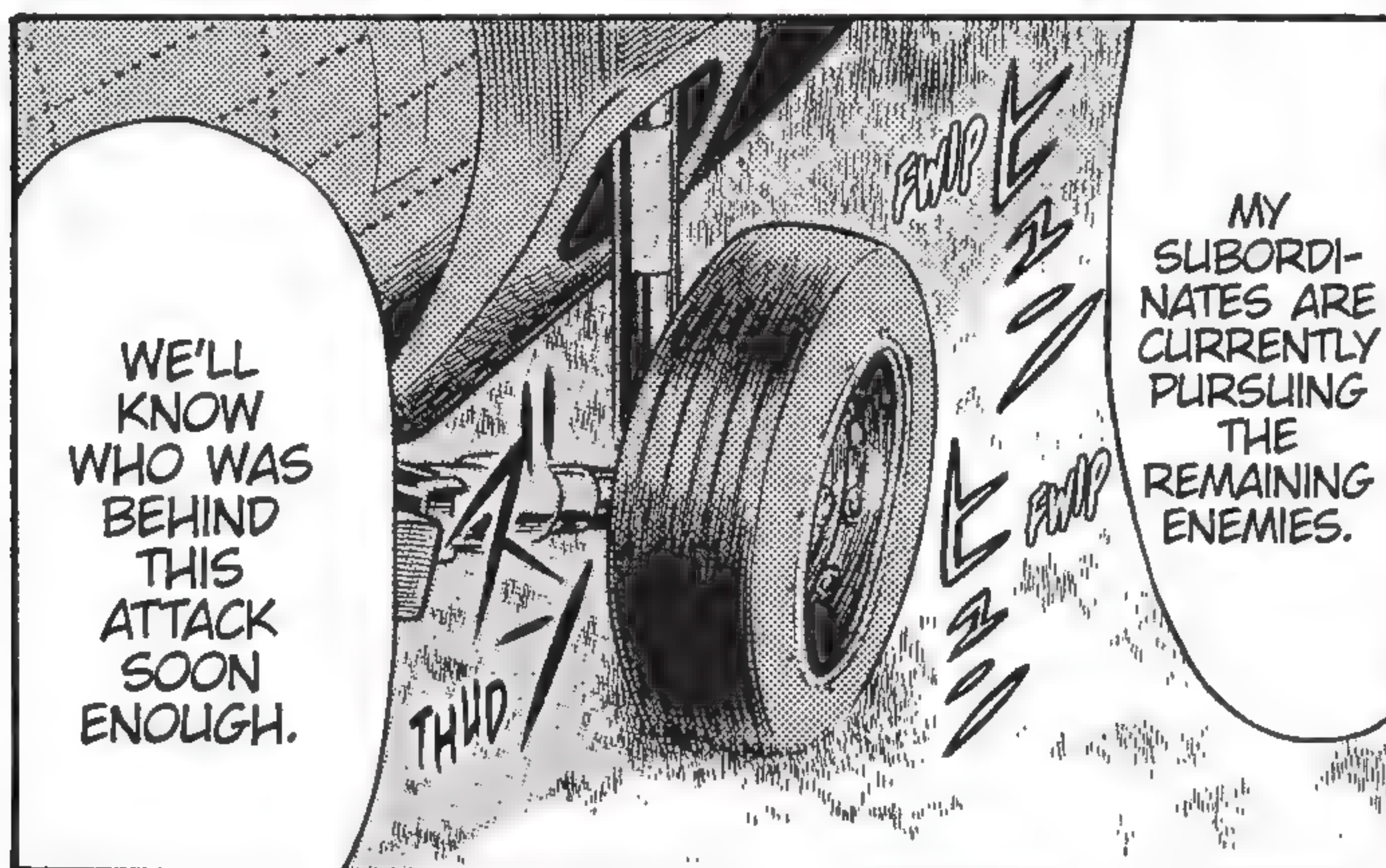
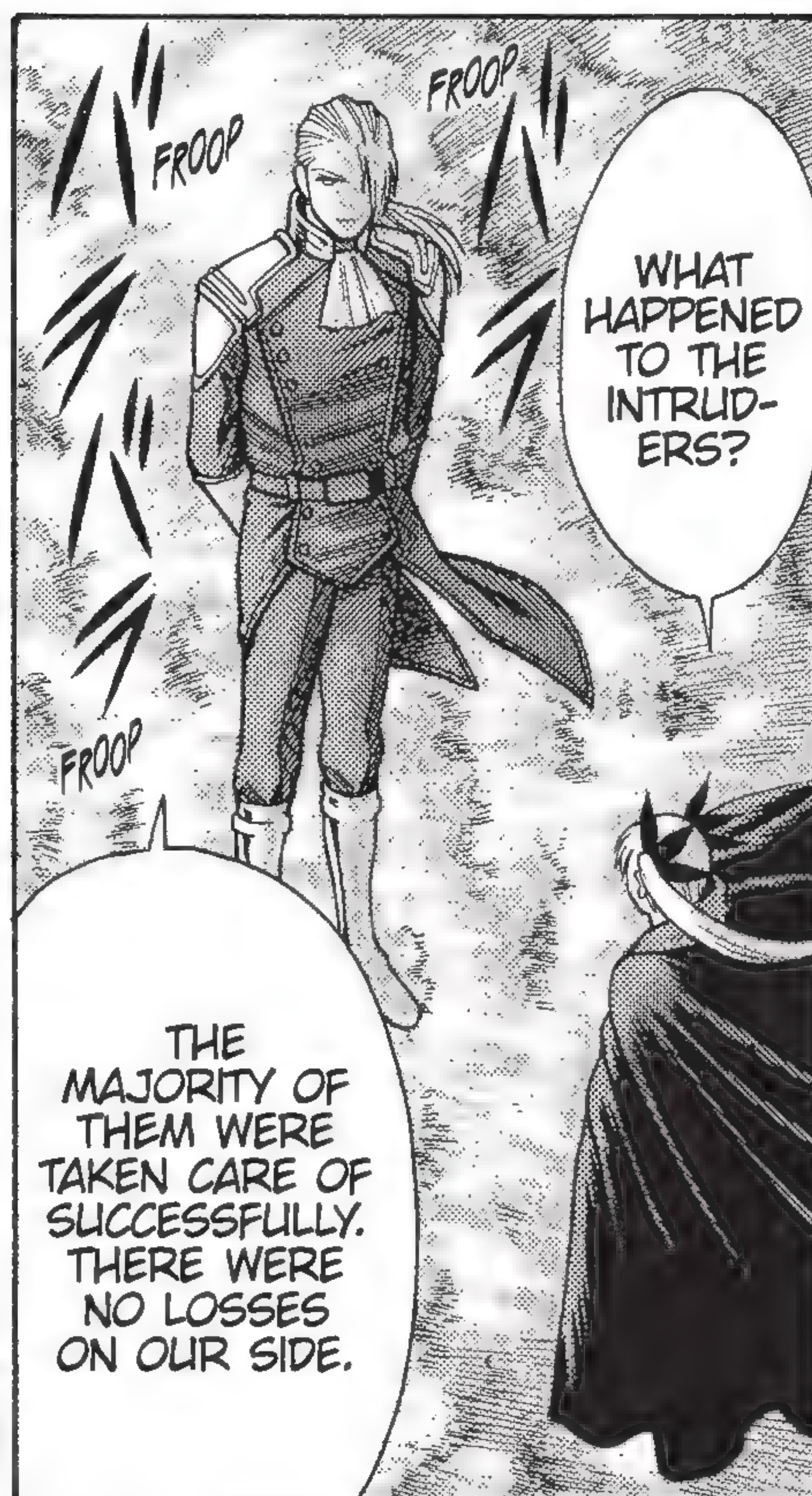
BECAUSE  
EVEN FOR  
ME, HAVING  
MY CHEST  
GROPED  
BY A MAN  
IS STILL  
SOMETHING  
NEW.



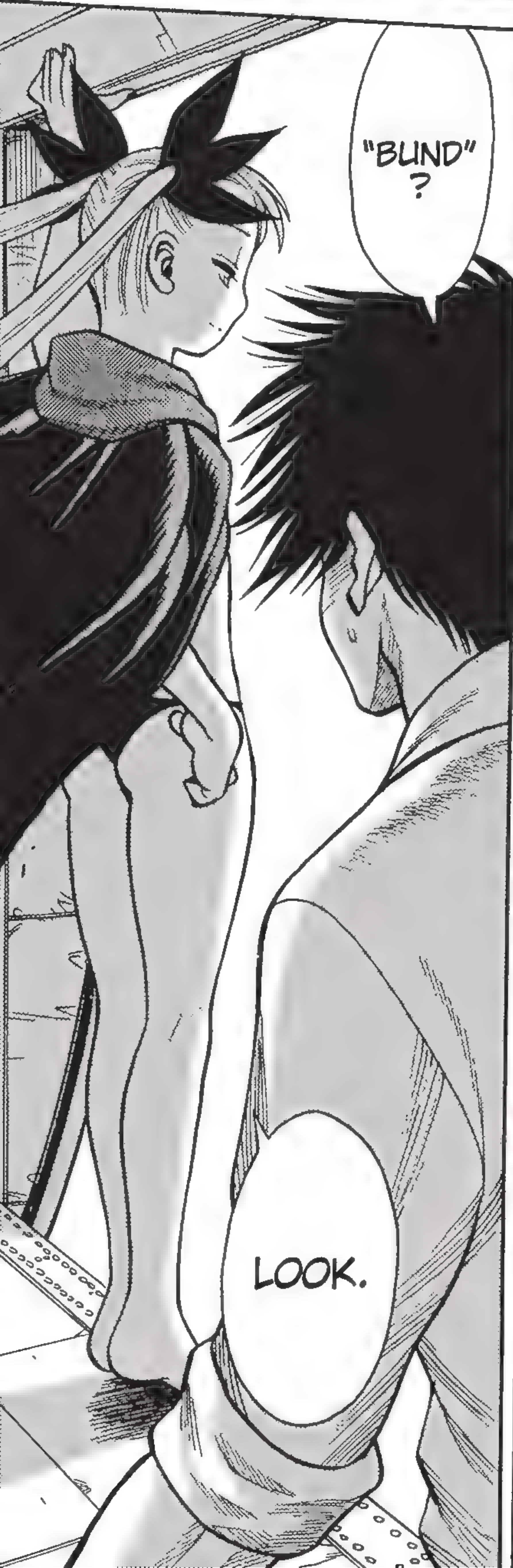
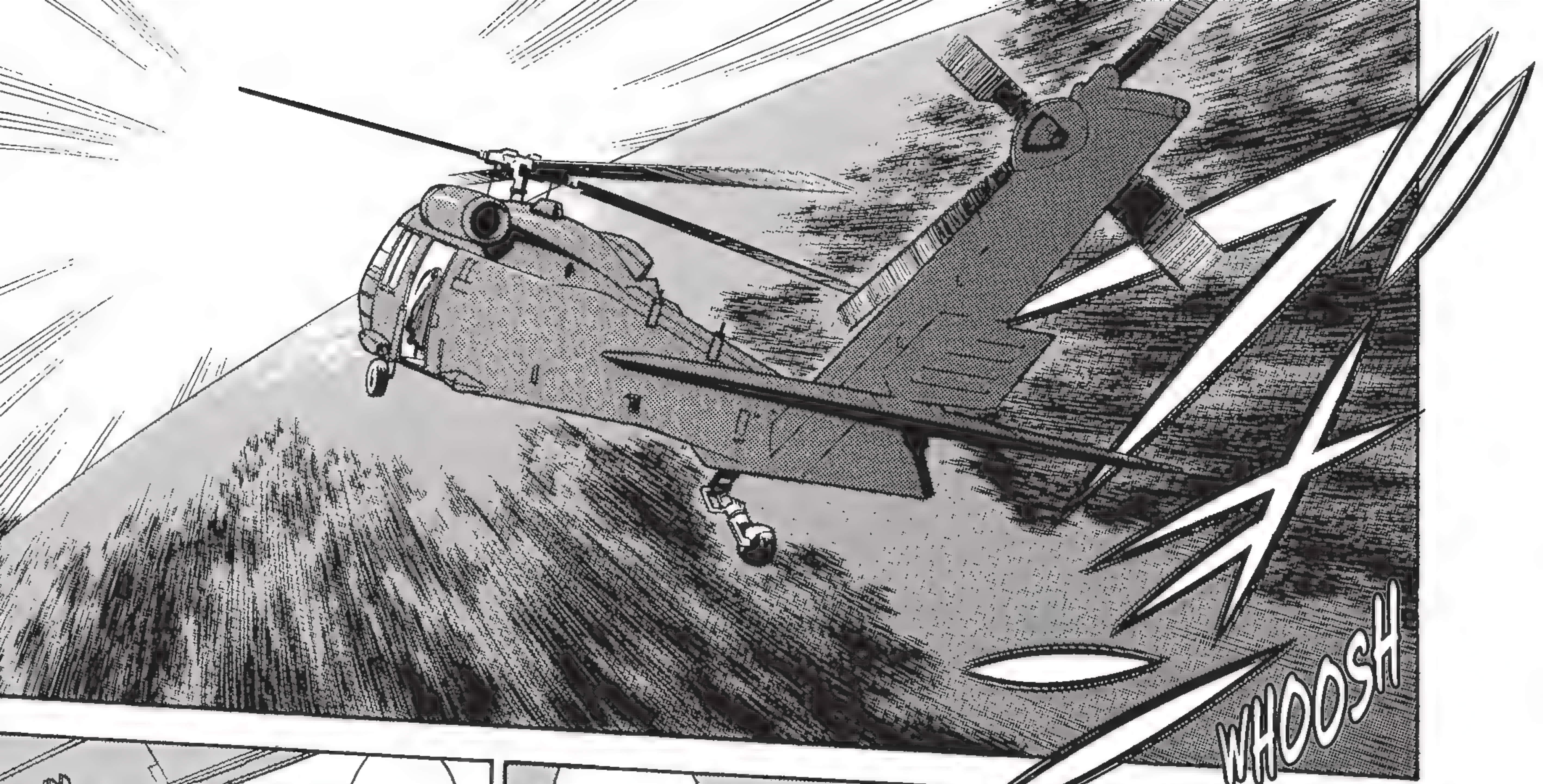
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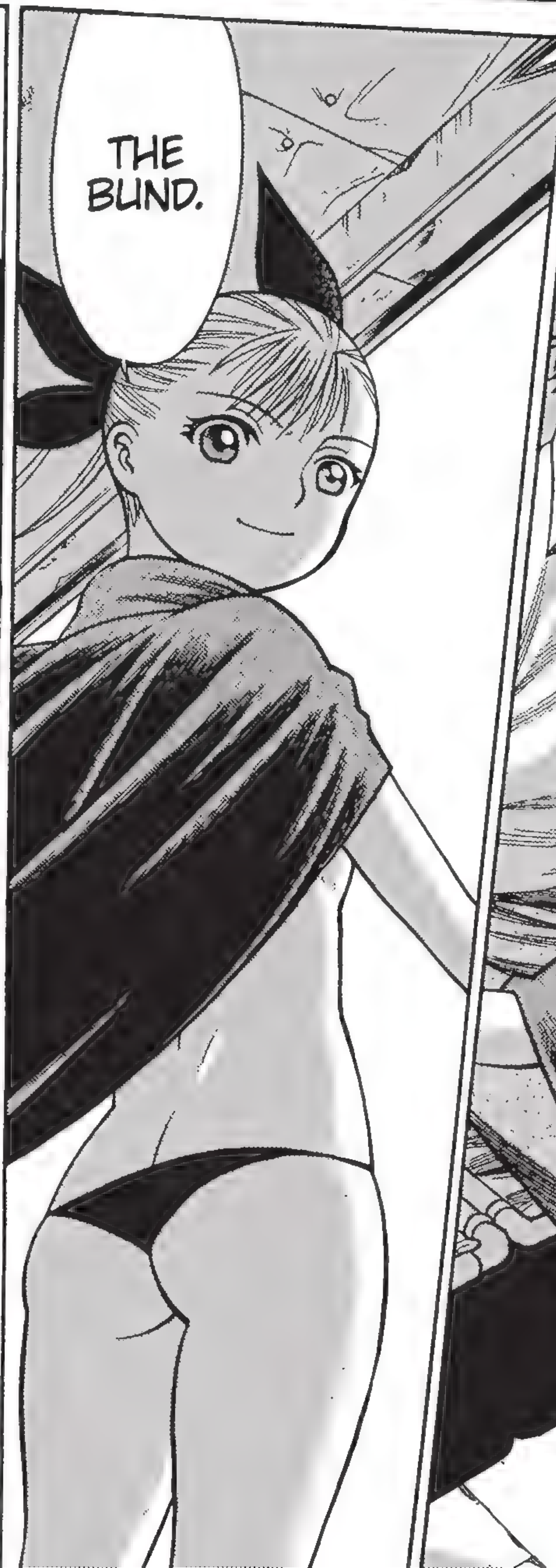




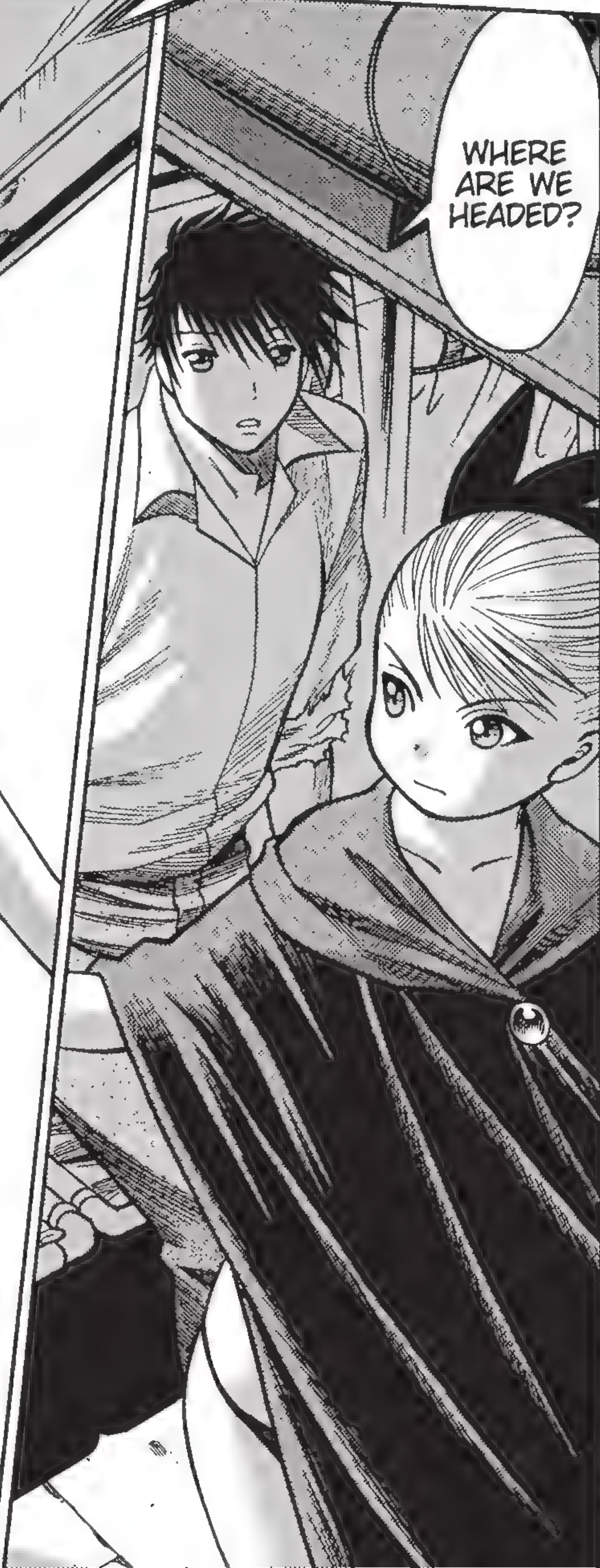


"BLIND"?

LOOK.



THE  
BLIND.



WHERE  
ARE WE  
HEADED?






THIS IS  
TOKYO  
LANDFILL  
#0.

IT'S A  
MAN-MADE  
ISLAND GIVEN  
TO ME BY THE  
JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT  
THEMSELVES.





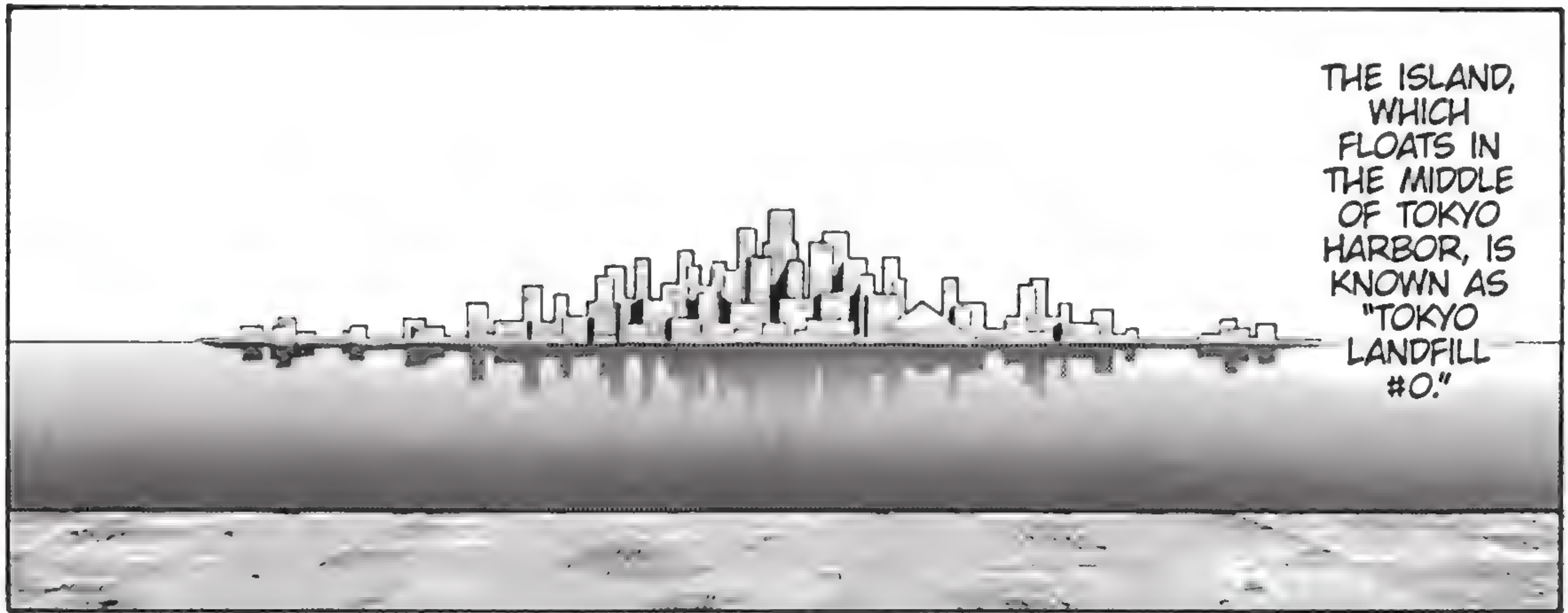
THE  
ANSWER  
IS...

I CAME  
TO JAPAN.

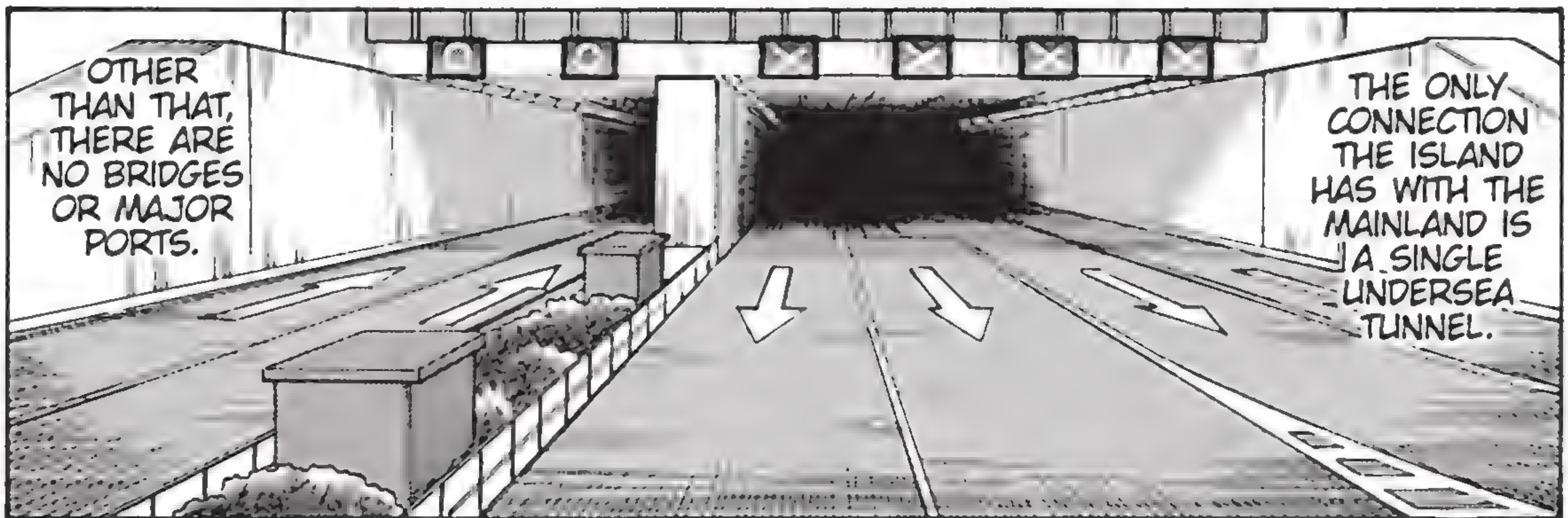
YOU  
ASKED  
ME  
WHY...

I AM GOING  
TO BUILD A  
VAMPIRE  
KINGDOM  
RIGHT HERE!!





THE ISLAND,  
WHICH  
FLOATS IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF TOKYO  
HARBOR, IS  
KNOWN AS  
"TOKYO  
LANDFILL  
#0."



OTHER  
THAN THAT,  
THERE ARE  
NO BRIDGES  
OR MAJOR  
PORTS.

THE ONLY  
CONNECTION  
THE ISLAND  
HAS WITH THE  
MAINLAND IS  
A SINGLE  
UNDERSEA  
TUNNEL.



THE STATE  
AND FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENTS,  
AND EVEN THE  
GENERAL  
CONTRACTORS  
INVOLVED IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION,  
HAVE REMAINED  
SILENT TO THE  
QUESTIONS POSED  
BY BOTH CITIZENS  
AND THE MEDIA.

BUT WHO  
CONSTRUCTED  
IT, AND WHY?




CITIZENS OF  
JAPAN...

THAT IS, UNTIL  
LAST NIGHT,  
WHEN THE  
OWNER OF  
THE ISLAND  
FINALLY CAME  
FORWARD.



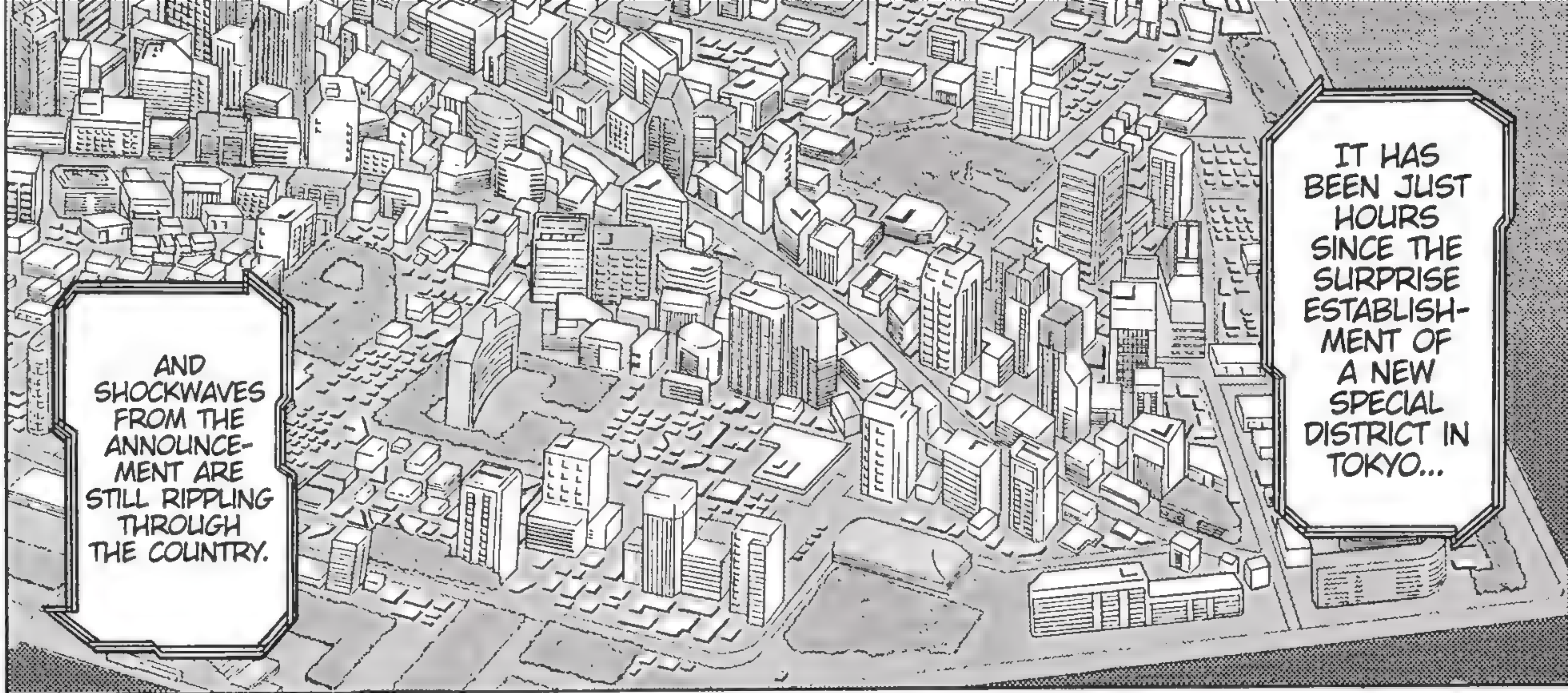
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THAT THIS  
LAND HAS BEEN  
DESIGNATED A  
SPECIAL DISTRICT  
FOR VAMPIRES.

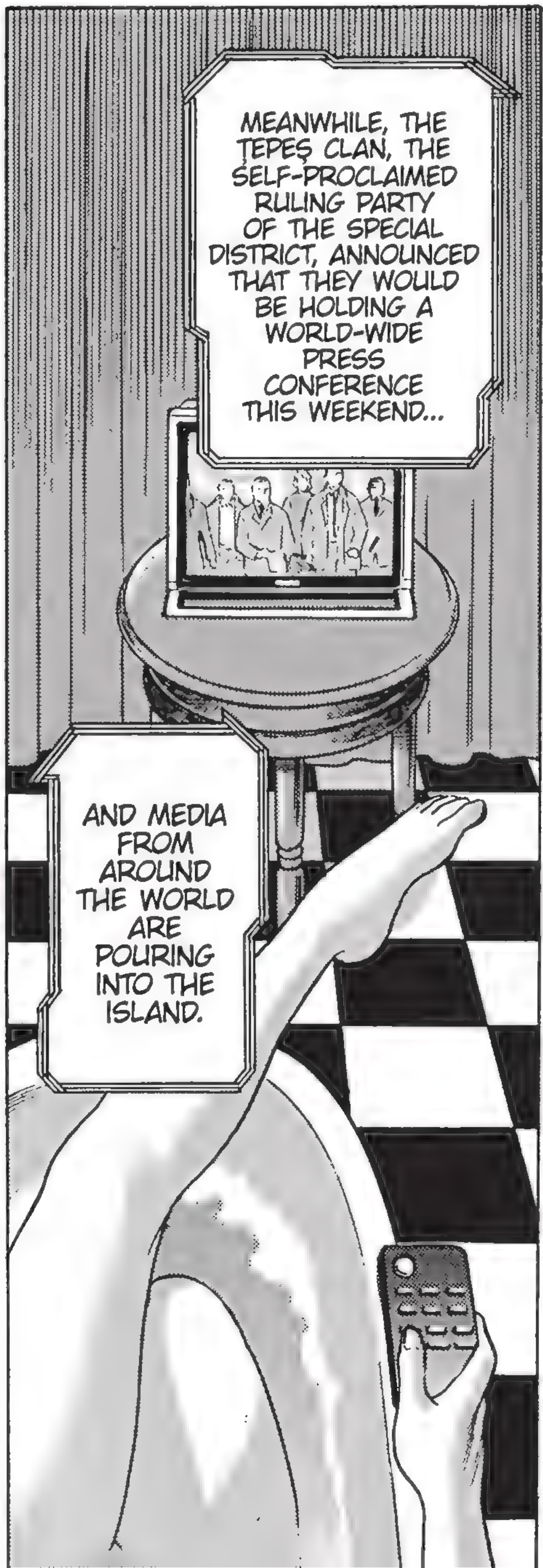
I, MINA TEPEŞ,  
AM HERE TO  
REPORT, AS IS  
MY RIGHT AND  
DUTY AS THE  
RULER OF ALL  
VAMPIRES...





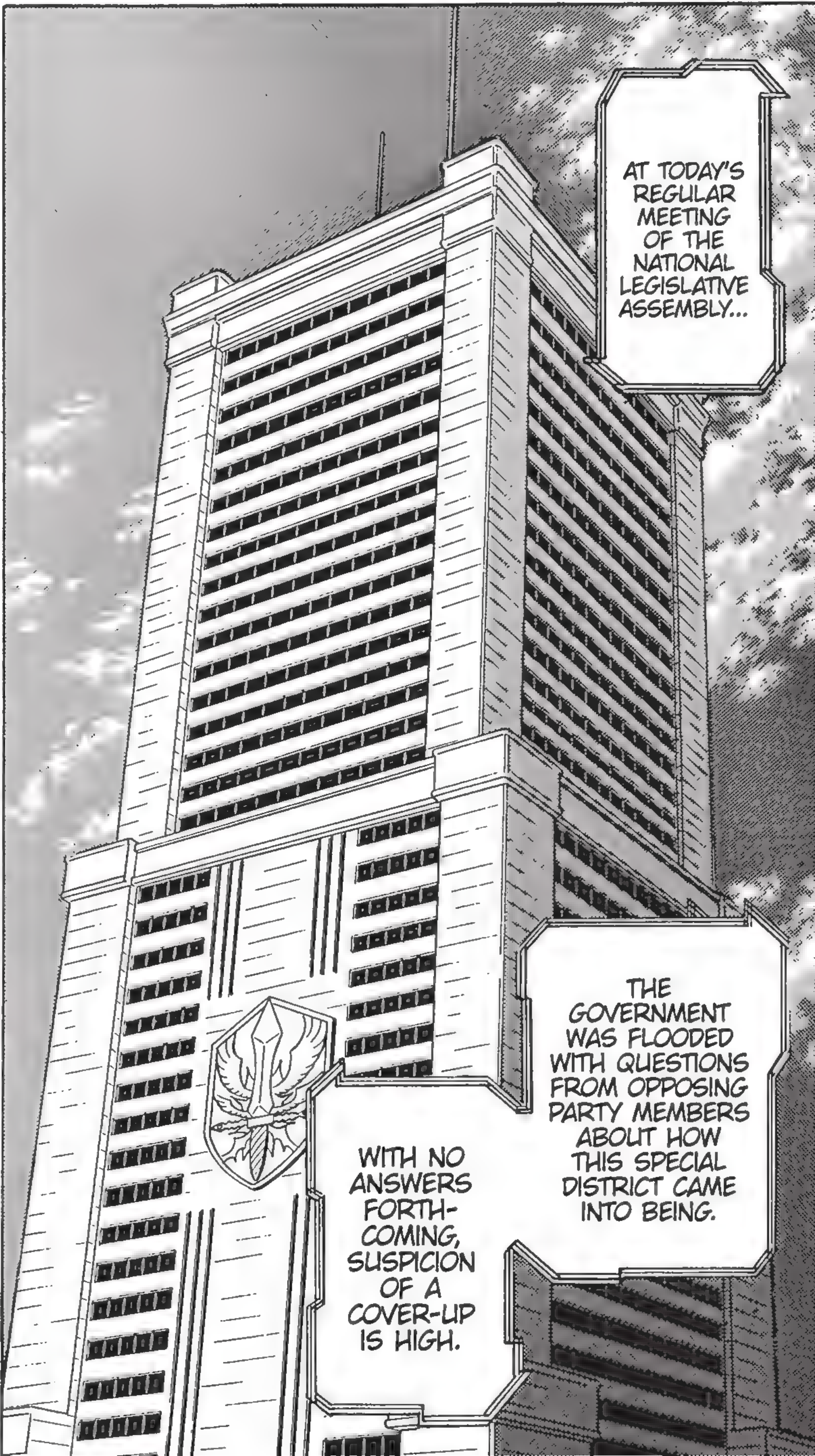
AND SHOCKWAVES FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT ARE STILL RIPPLING THROUGH THE COUNTRY.

IT HAS BEEN JUST HOURS SINCE THE SURPRISE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL DISTRICT IN TOKYO...



MEANWHILE, THE TEPEŞ CLAN, THE SELF-PROCLAIMED RULING PARTY OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT, ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD BE HOLDING A WORLD-WIDE PRESS CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND...

AND MEDIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE POURING INTO THE ISLAND.



AT TODAY'S REGULAR MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY...

THE GOVERNMENT WAS FLOODED WITH QUESTIONS FROM OPPOSING PARTY MEMBERS ABOUT HOW THIS SPECIAL DISTRICT CAME INTO BEING.

WITH NO ANSWERS FORTHCOMING, SUSPICION OF A COVER-UP IS HIGH.



I KNOW HER.  
SHE WON  
SOME KIND OF  
AWARD FOR A  
DOCUMENTARY  
SHE DID.

I'M  
IMPRESSED,  
THOUGH.  
EVEN  
FAMOUS  
PEOPLE ARE  
COMING  
HERE.

AS FOR  
THE EXIS-  
TENCE OF  
VAMPIRES  
AND WHAT  
NOT...  
I WILL  
REFRAIN  
FROM COM-  
MENTING--

AS THERE  
HAS BEEN NO  
PRECEDENT OF A  
SPECIAL DISTRICT  
BEING CREATED  
ANYWHERE IN  
THE WORLD, IT  
WILL BE INTER-  
ESTING TO SEE  
WHAT FACTORS  
LEAD TO ITS  
FORMATION.

CNN Newscaster  
Nicole Edelman

THEY  
THOUGHT  
THAT  
VAMPIRES  
WERE JUST  
IMAGINARY  
CREA-  
TURES...

BUT NOW  
THEY'VE GONE  
AND BUILT A  
TOWN RIGHT  
IN THE MIDDLE  
OF TOKYO,  
AND THEY'RE  
GOING TO LIVE  
THERE.

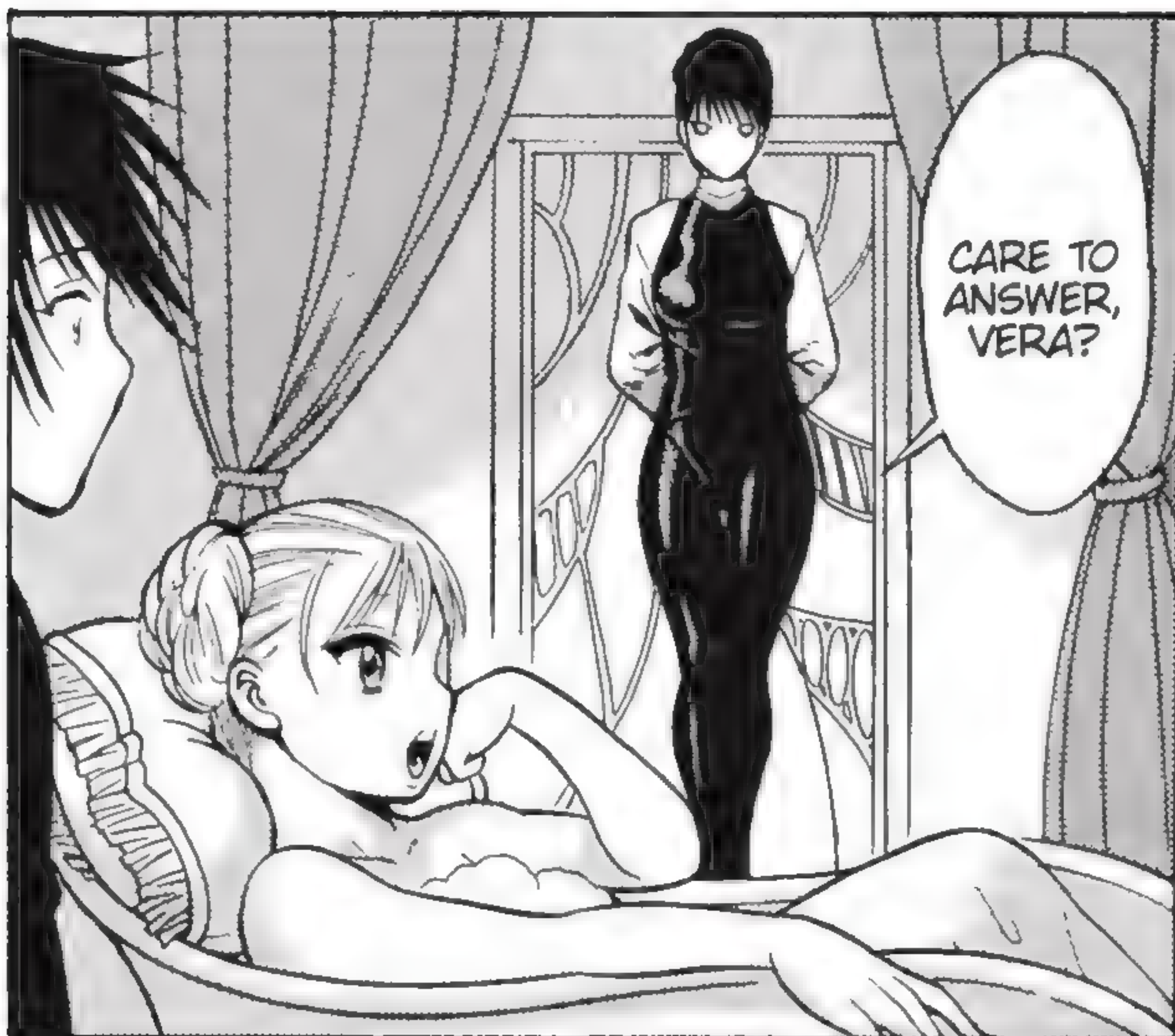
OF  
COURSE  
THEY'D  
PANIC.

WELL,  
DUH.

HMPH.

IT  
LOOKS LIKE  
THEY'RE ALL  
PANICKING.





CARE TO ANSWER, VERA?



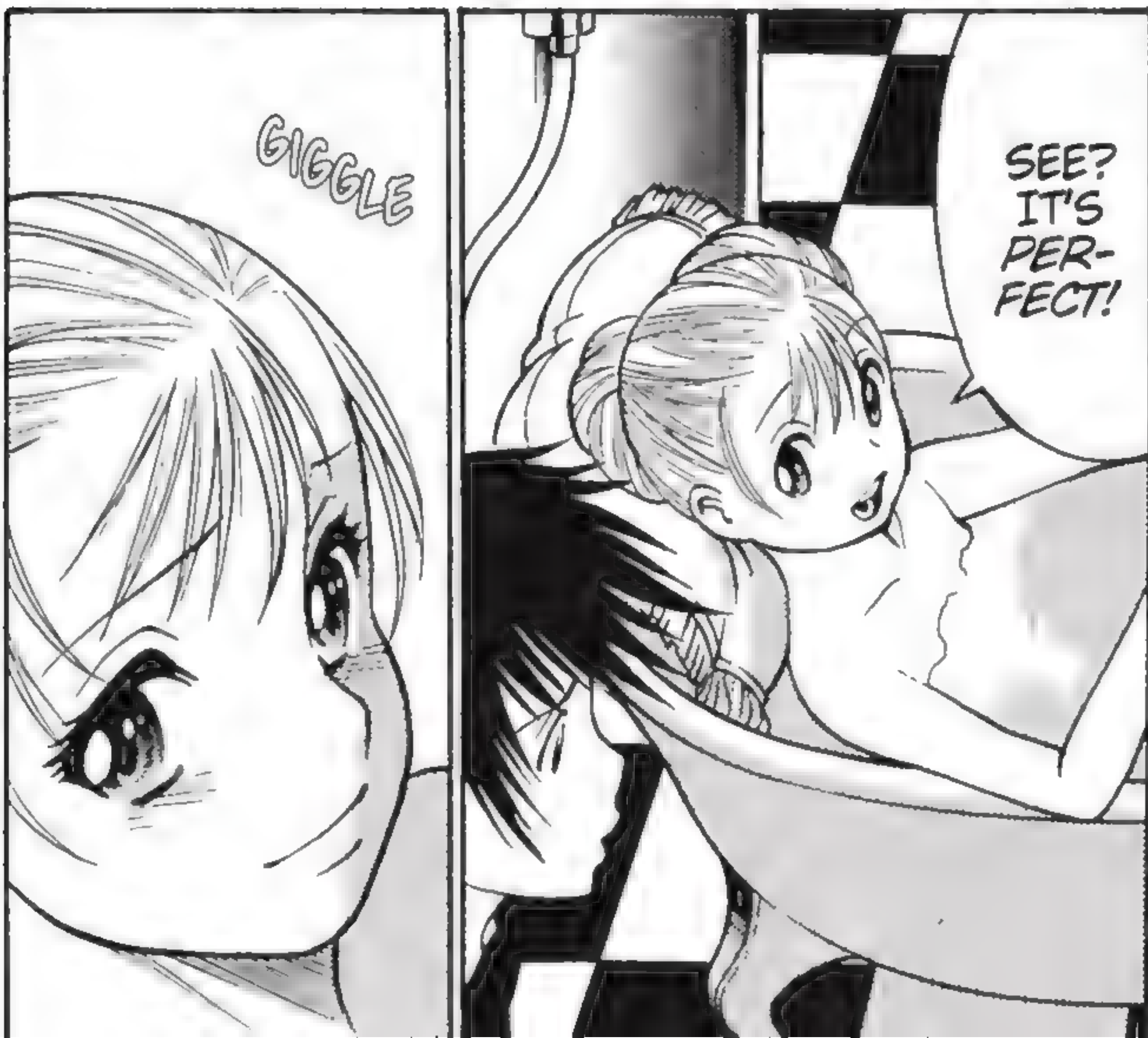
AND A PRESS CONFERENCE...? ARE YOU GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?



AND, OF COURSE, THEY'RE ALL HUMAN.



ALL MEMBERS OF THE PRESS HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY AND HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS HOTELS.



GIGGLE

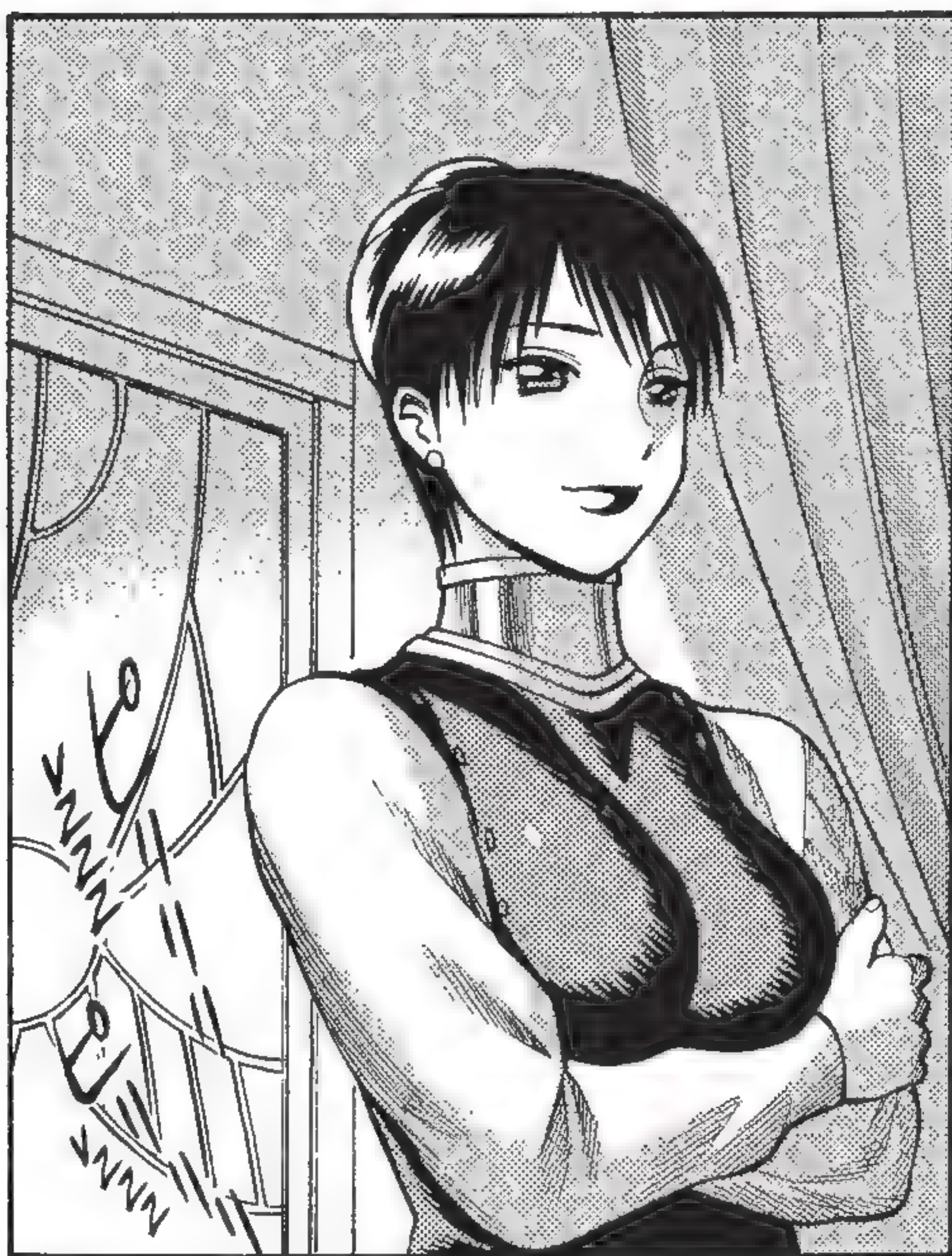
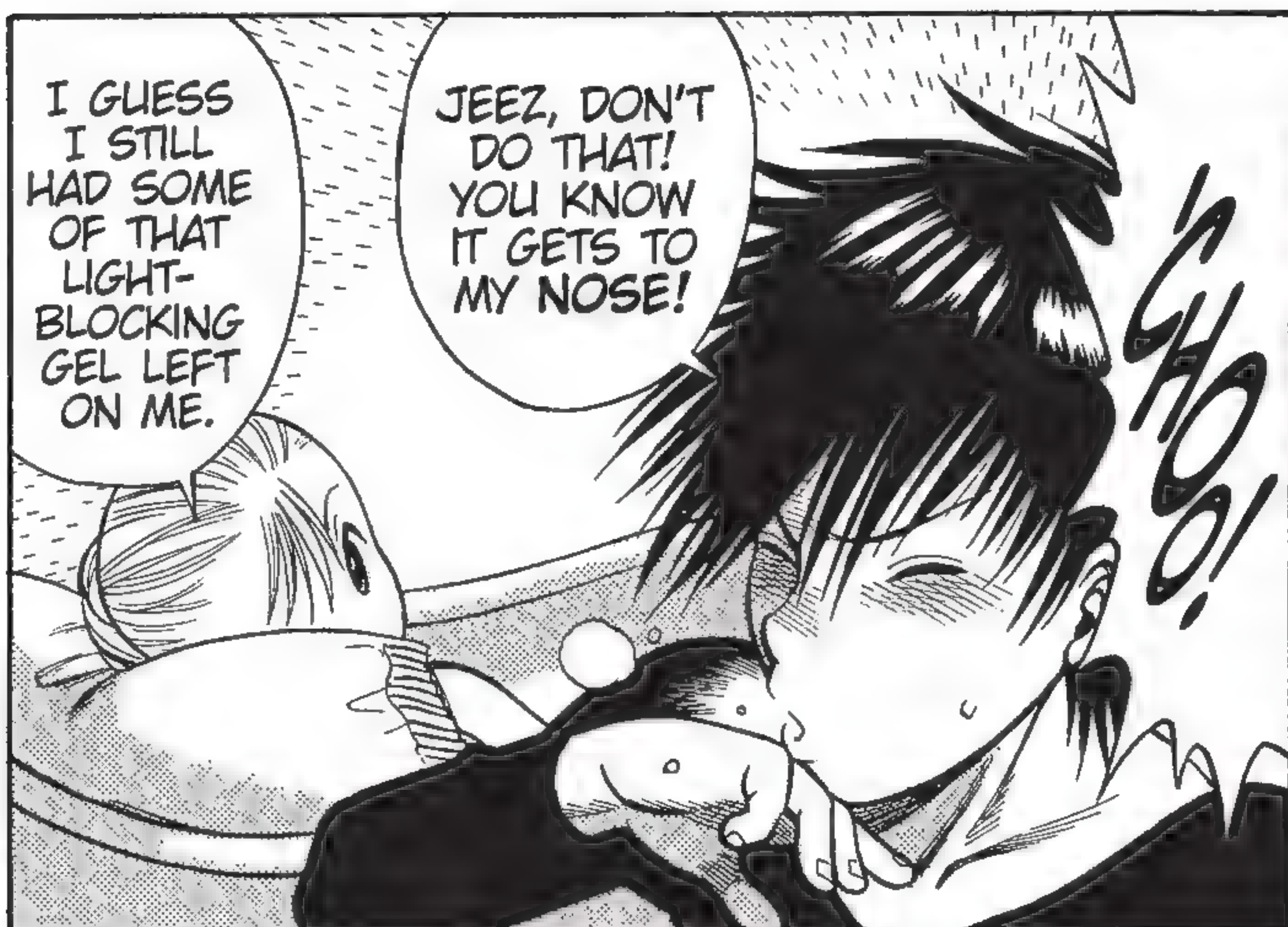
SEE? IT'S PERFECT!

NOR WERE ANY FOREIGN SUBSTANCES FOUND WITHIN ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS.

NOTHING SUSPICIOUS WAS DISCOVERED...

DURING THEIR CHECK-IN, WOLFGANG-DONO CONDUCTED AN EXTREMELY THOROUGH SEARCH.









I HEARD HIM.

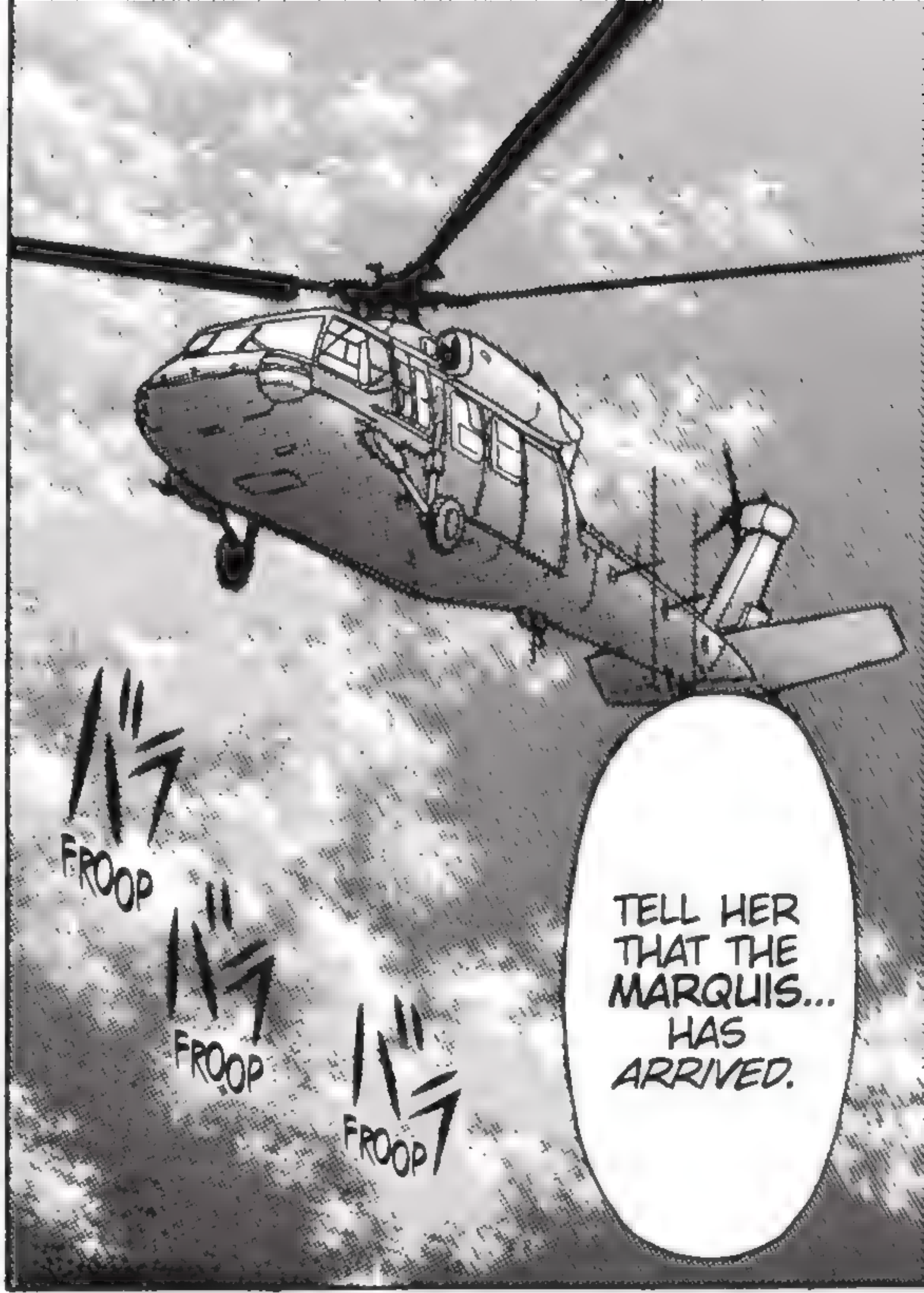
THAT OLD COOT...

I FIGURED HE WOULD SHOW UP SOONER OR LATER.



.....  
HIME-SAMA?

SNAP



FROOP

FROOP

FROOP

TELL HER THAT THE MARQUIS... HAS ARRIVED.



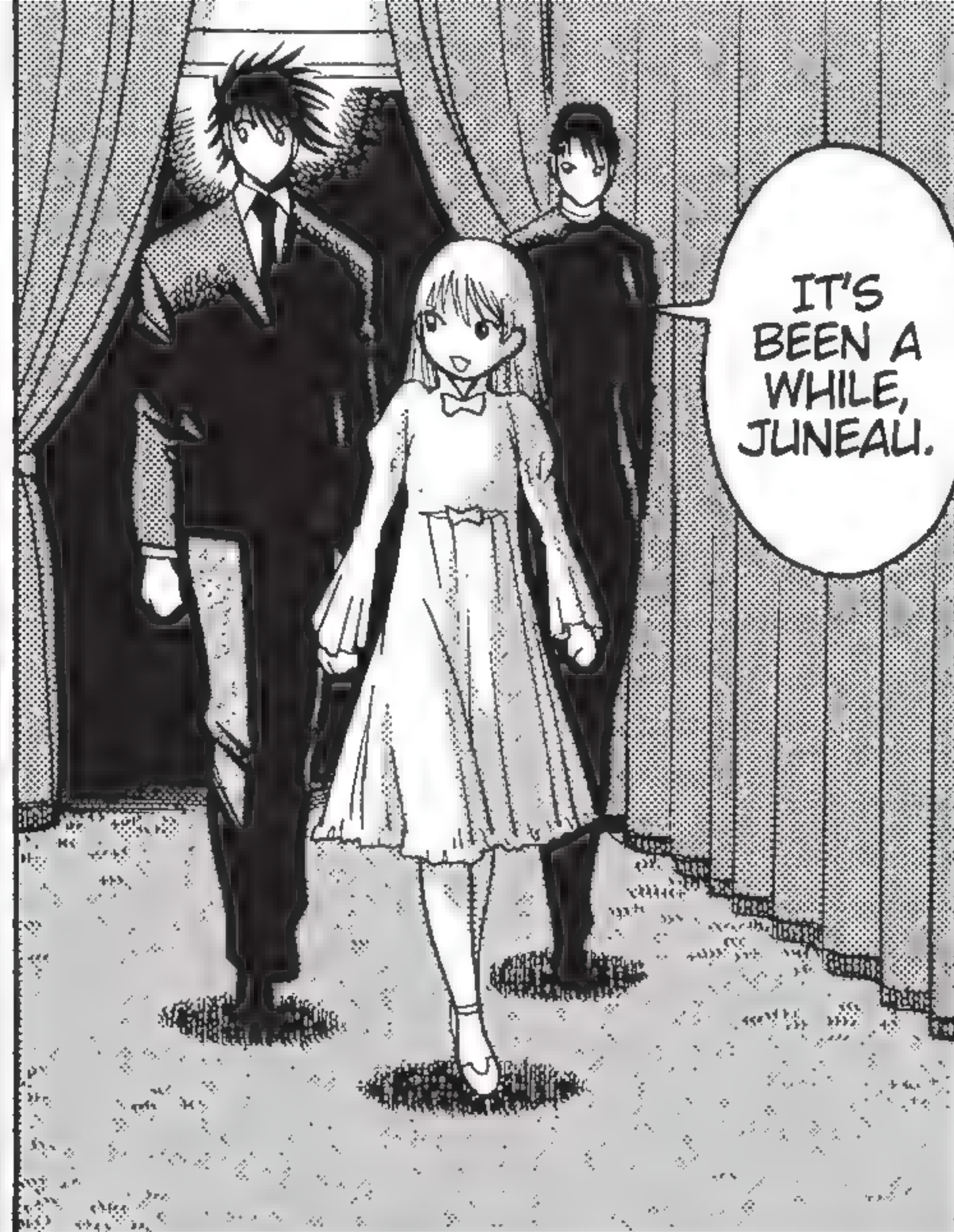
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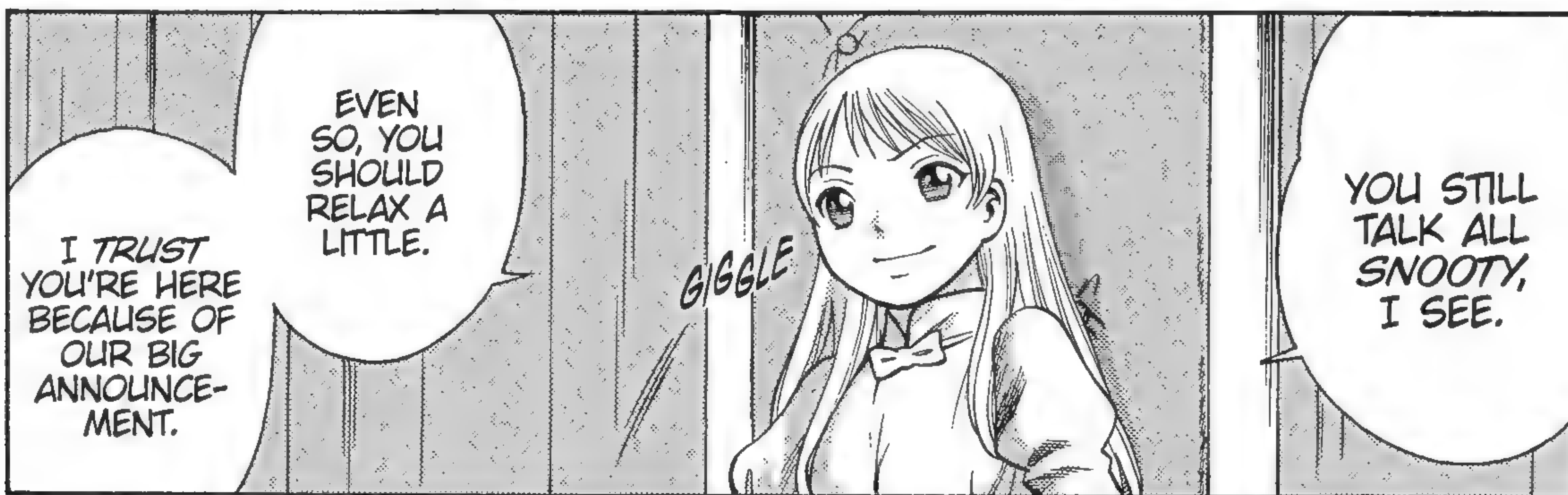


I, JUNEAL, LORD OF DERMILLE, AM HONORED TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING YOUR FACE YET AGAIN.

YOUR HIGHNESS...



IT'S BEEN A WHILE, JUNEAL.



I TRUST YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE OF OUR BIG ANNOUNCEMENT.

EVEN SO, YOU SHOULD RELAX A LITTLE.

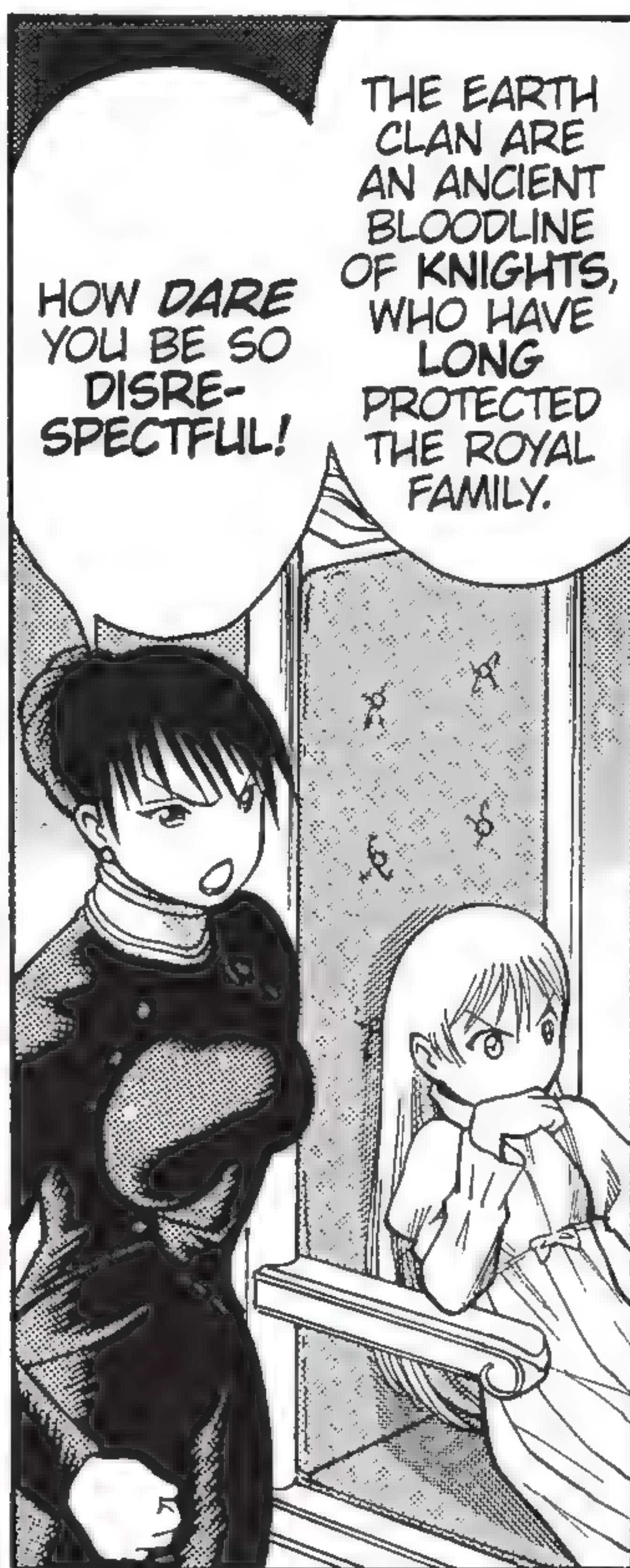
GIGGLE

YOU STILL TALK ALL SNOOTY, I SEE.



VERA-SAMA... PLEASE...

WOLF-GANG--DONO!

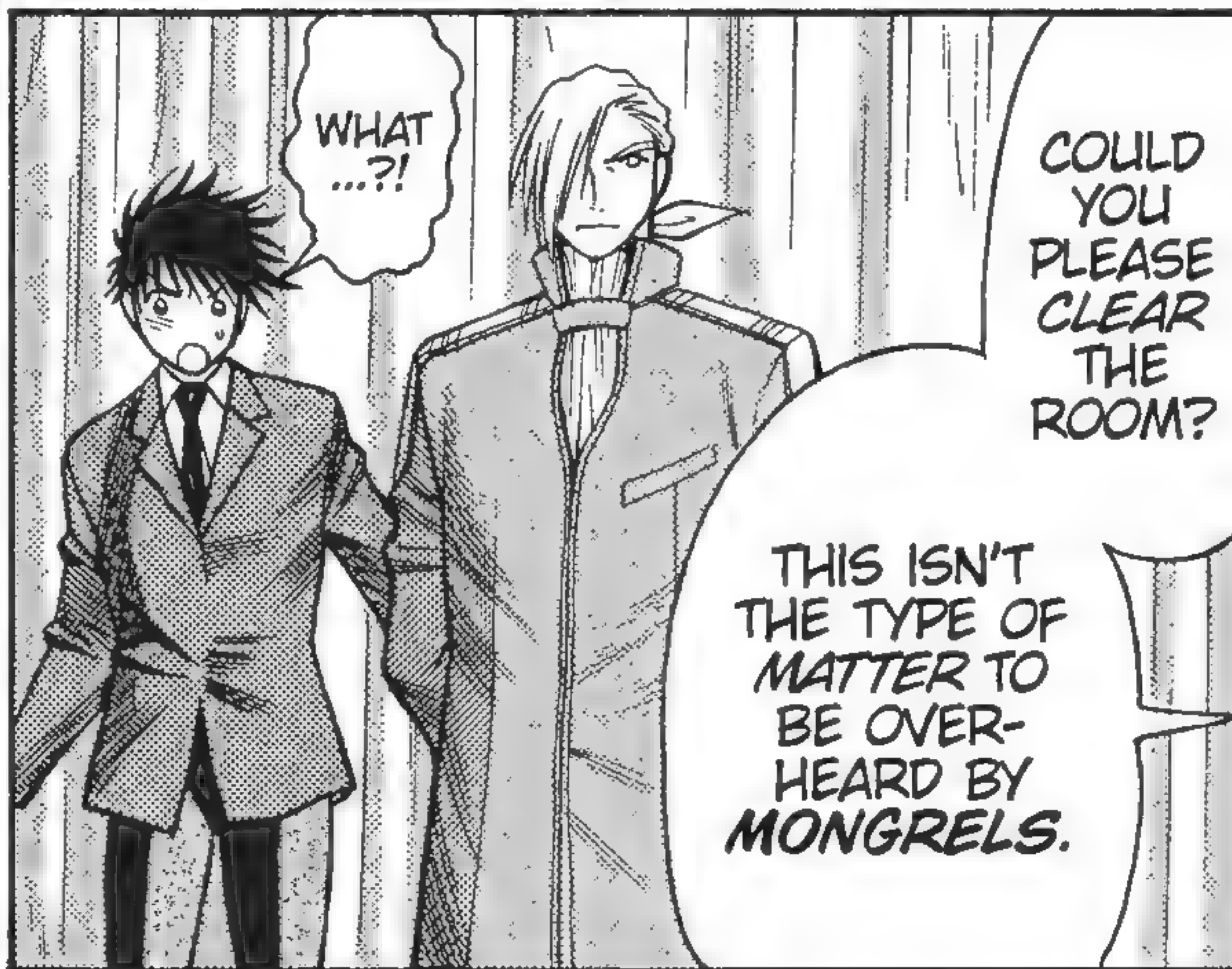


HOW DARE YOU BE SO DISRESPECTFUL!

THE EARTH CLAN ARE AN ANCIENT BLOODLINE OF KNIGHTS, WHO HAVE LONG PROTECTED THE ROYAL FAMILY.



YES... THERE WAS SOMETHING I WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.

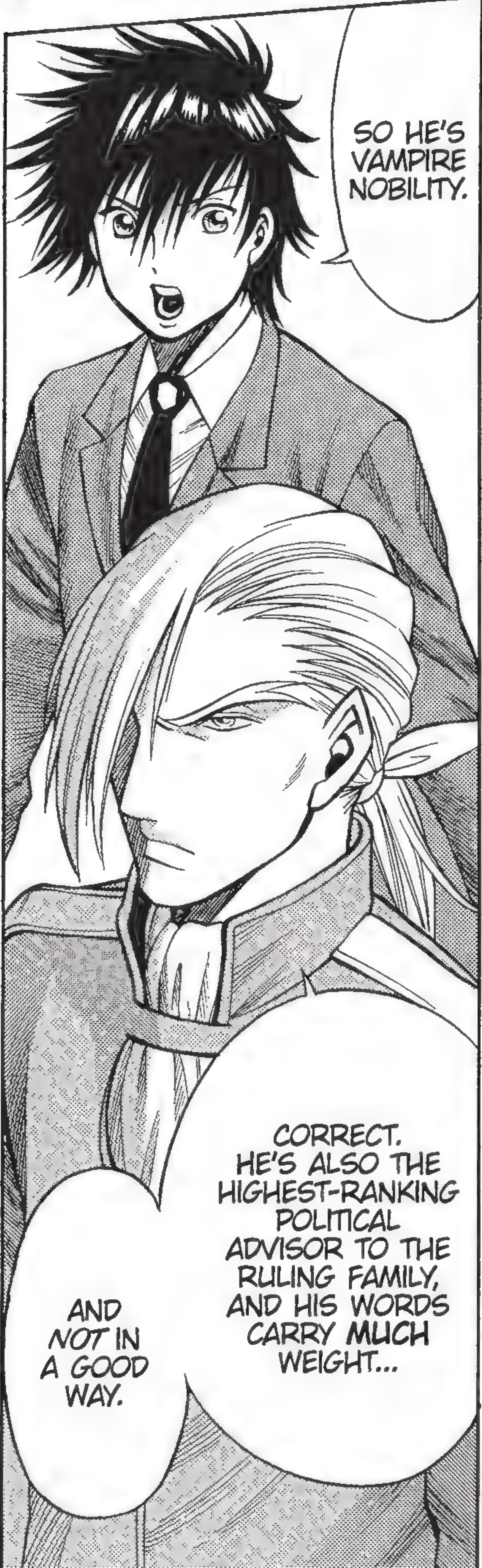


WHAT...?!

COULD YOU PLEASE CLEAR THE ROOM?

THIS ISN'T THE TYPE OF MATTER TO BE OVERHEARD BY MONGRELS.





SO HE'S  
VAMPIRE  
NOBILITY.

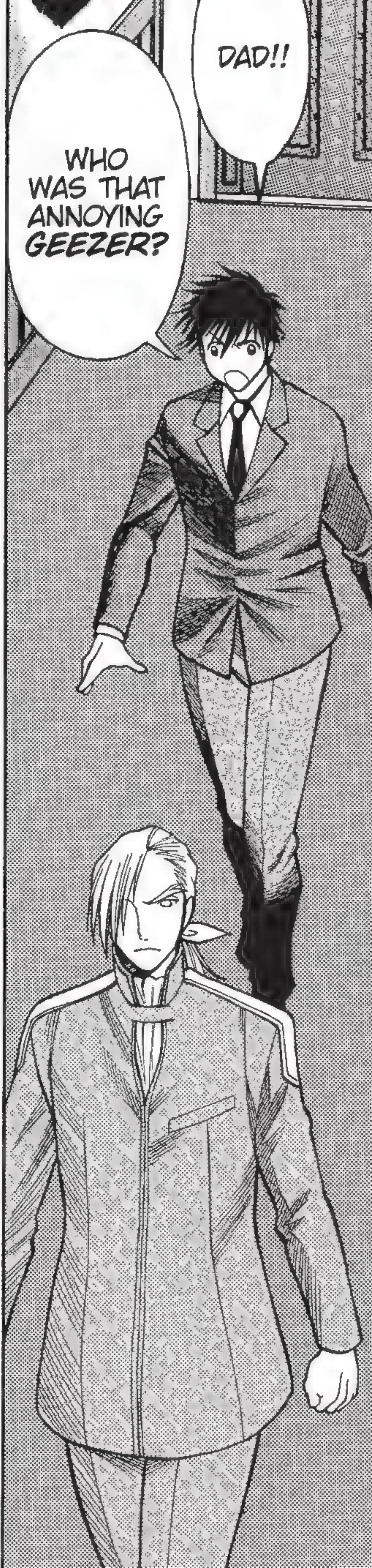
CORRECT.  
HE'S ALSO THE  
HIGHEST-RANKING  
POLITICAL  
ADVISOR TO THE  
RULING FAMILY,  
AND HIS WORDS  
CARRY MUCH  
WEIGHT...

AND  
NOT IN  
A GOOD  
WAY.



LORD  
JUNEAU  
OF DER-  
MAILLE.

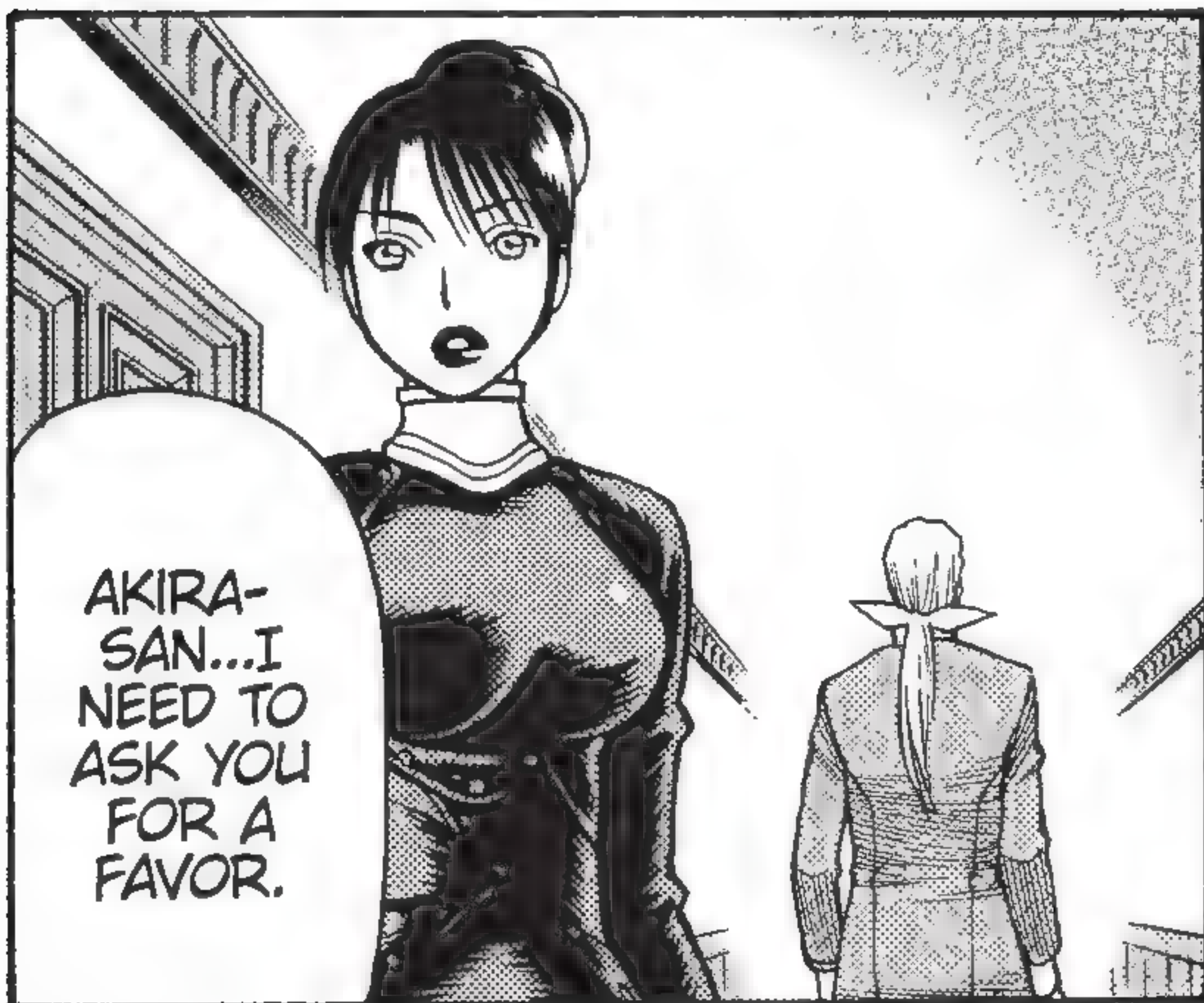
HE IS THE  
HEAD OF A  
HIGH-RANKING  
NOBLE FAMILY  
WHO SERVES  
THE RULING  
TEPEŞ FAMILY.



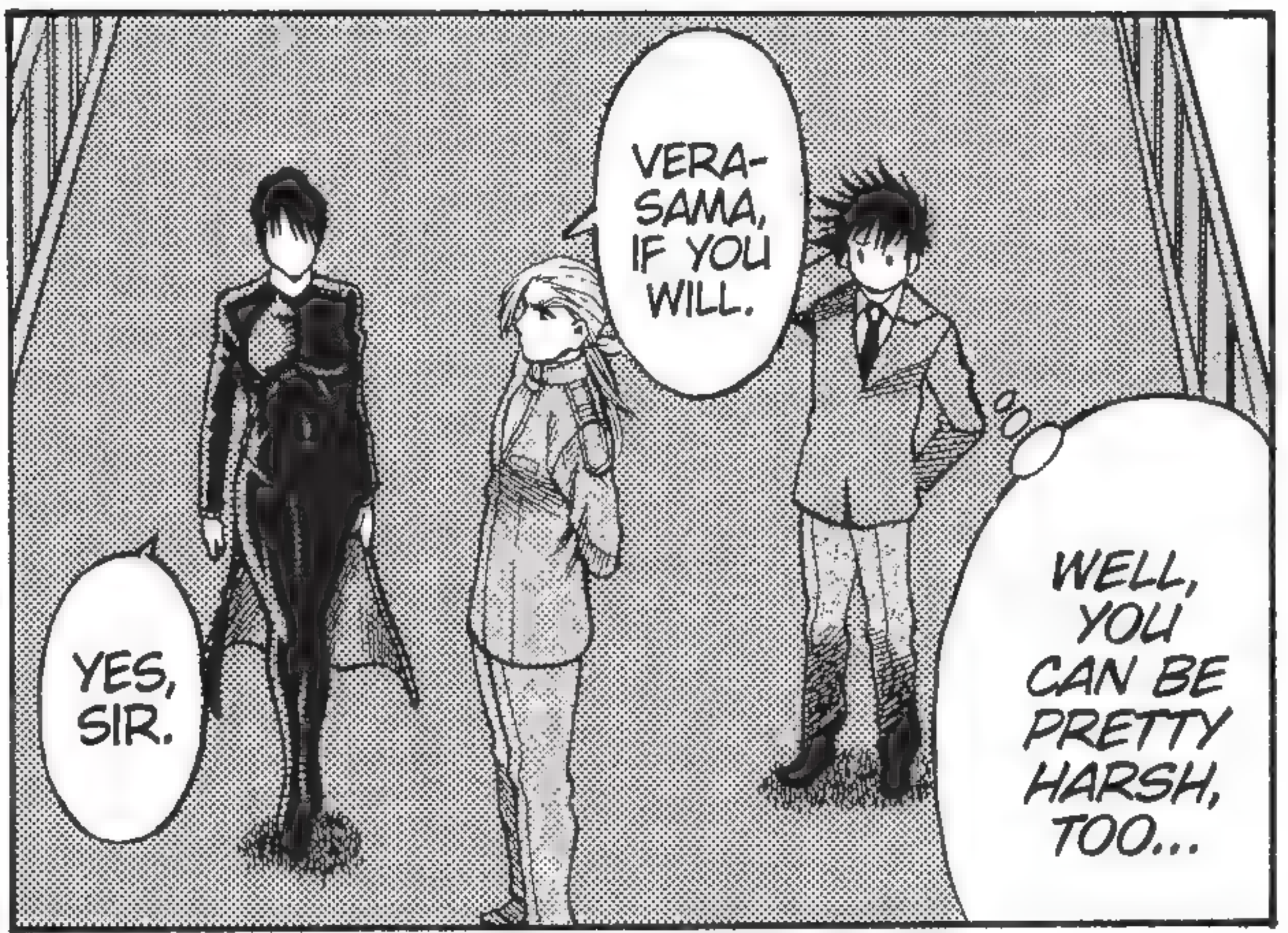
DAD!!

WHO  
WAS THAT  
ANNOYING  
GEEZER?





AKIRA-SAN...I  
NEED TO  
ASK YOU  
FOR A  
FAVOR.



VERA-SAMA,  
IF YOU  
WILL.

YES,  
SIR.

WELL,  
YOU  
CAN BE  
PRETTY  
HARSH,  
TOO...

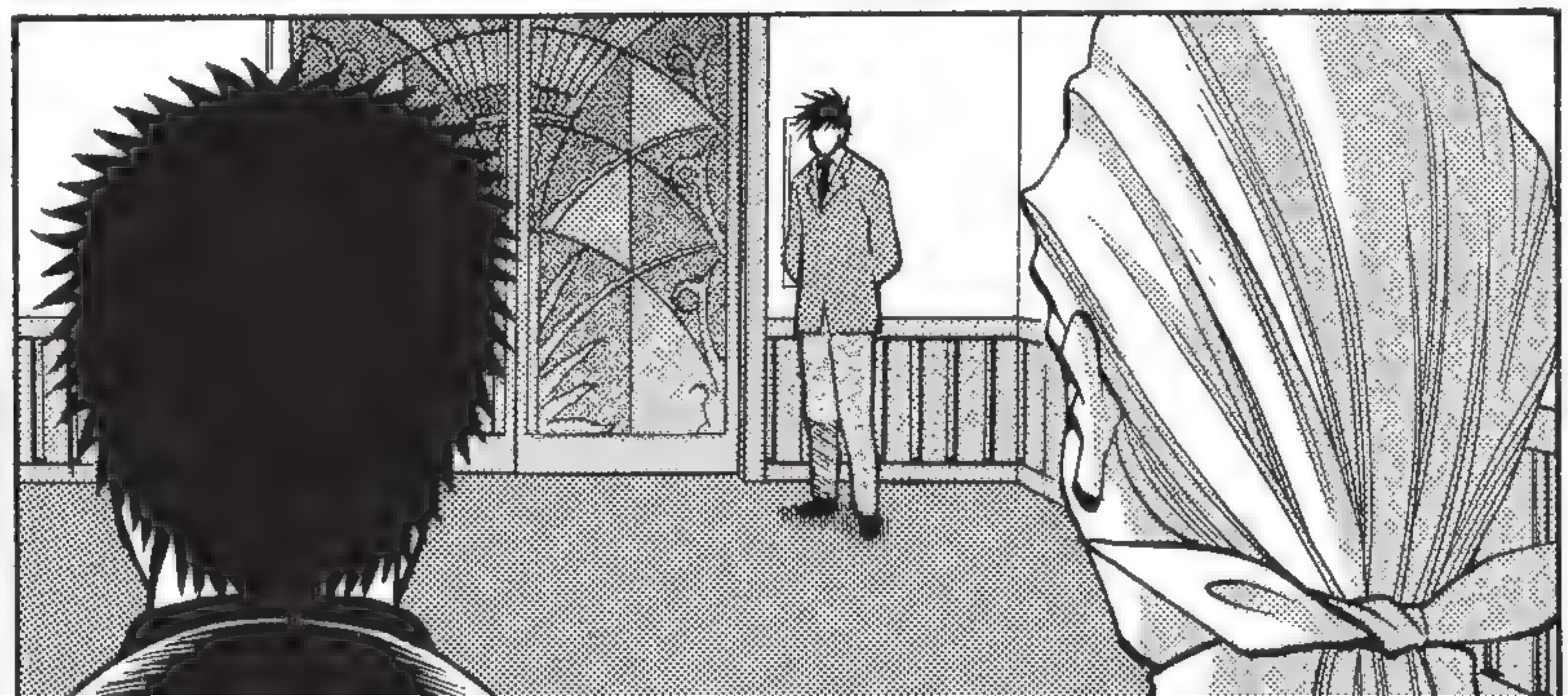
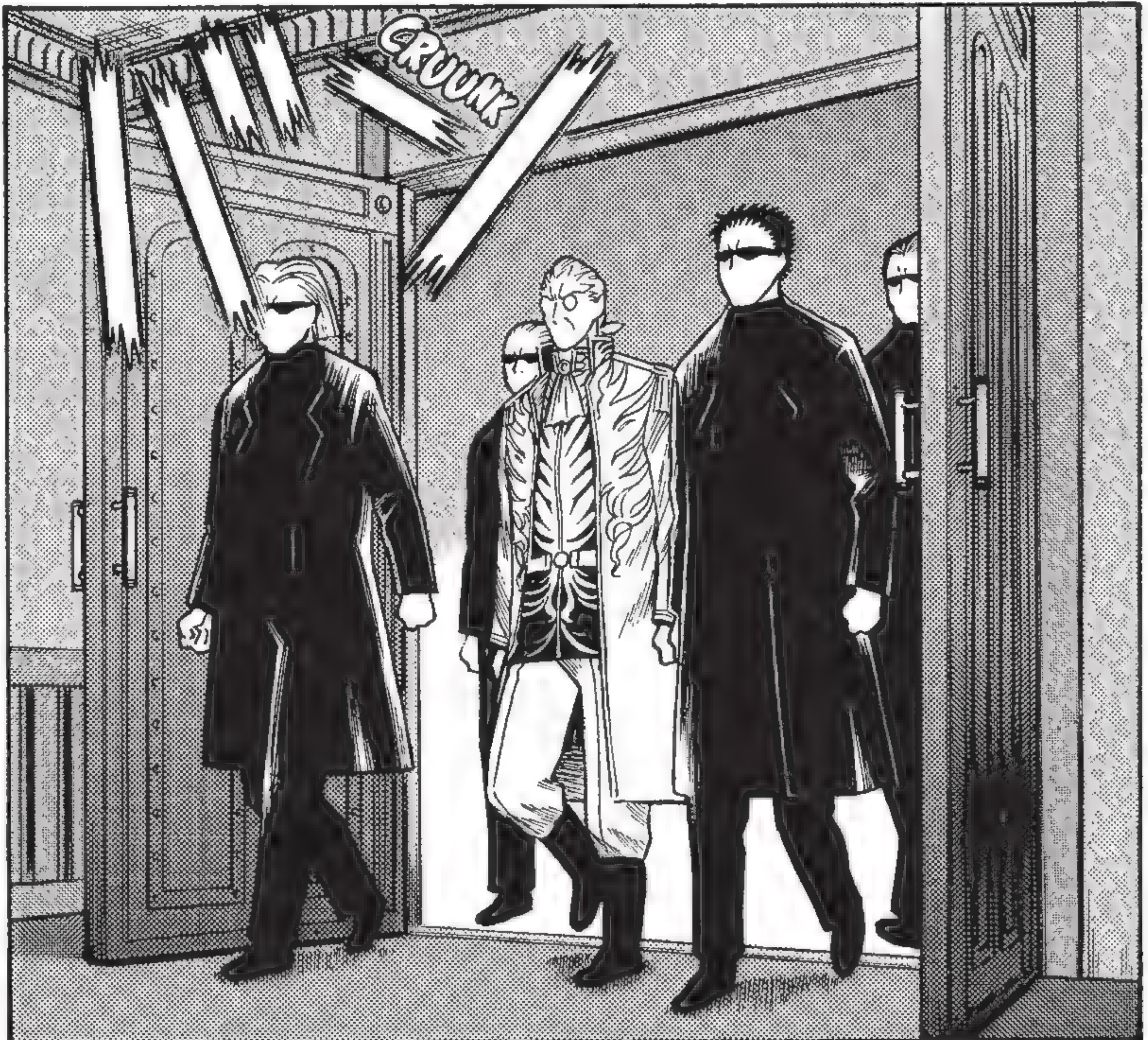


ME?

...



I'LL  
SEE YOU  
TO THE  
PARKING  
LOT.











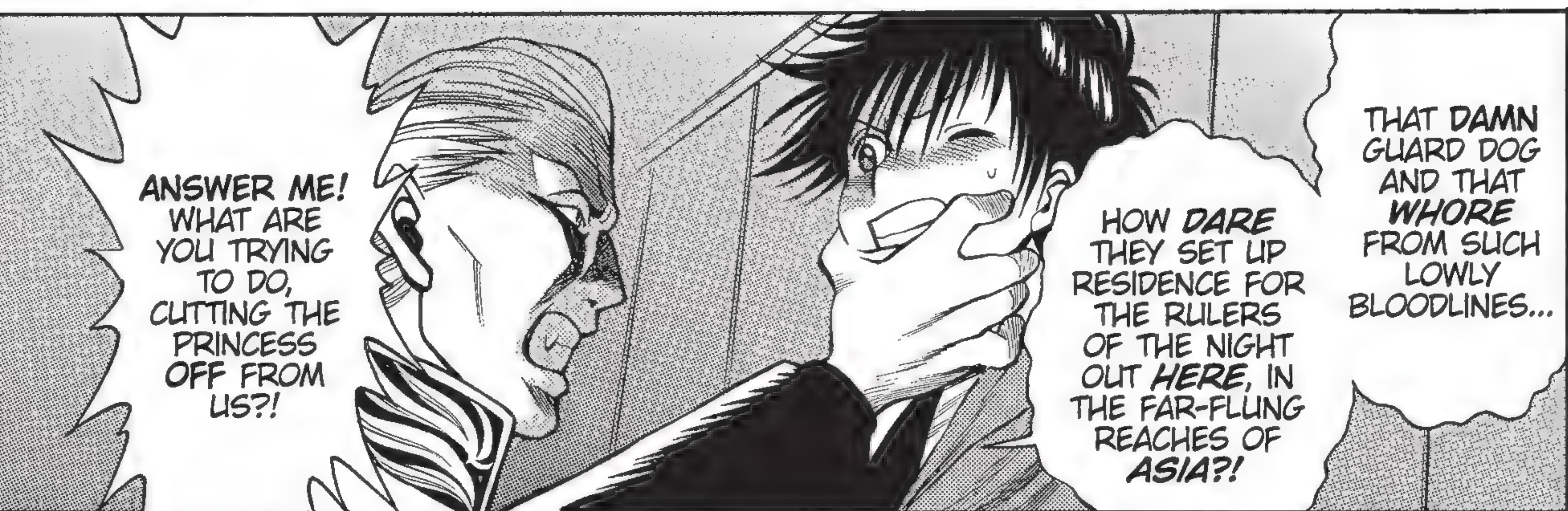
EVEN  
BYPASSING  
**ME**, THE  
MOST  
POWERFUL  
SERVANT  
TO THE  
RULING  
FAMILY!!

I KNOW  
THOSE  
TWO WERE  
THE DRIVING  
FORCE  
BEHIND  
THIS  
ISLAND...

DON'T  
PLAY  
DUMB!!

WHA...

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT...?



ANSWER ME!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU TRYING  
TO DO,  
CUTTING THE  
PRINCESS  
OFF FROM  
US?!

HOW **DARE**  
THEY SET UP  
RESIDENCE FOR  
THE RULERS  
OF THE NIGHT  
OUT **HERE**, IN  
THE FAR-FLUNG  
REACHES OF  
**ASIA**?!

THAT DAMN  
GUARD DOG  
AND THAT  
**WHORE**  
FROM SUCH  
LOWLY  
BLOODLINES...



**YOU BRAT!!**



WHAT?

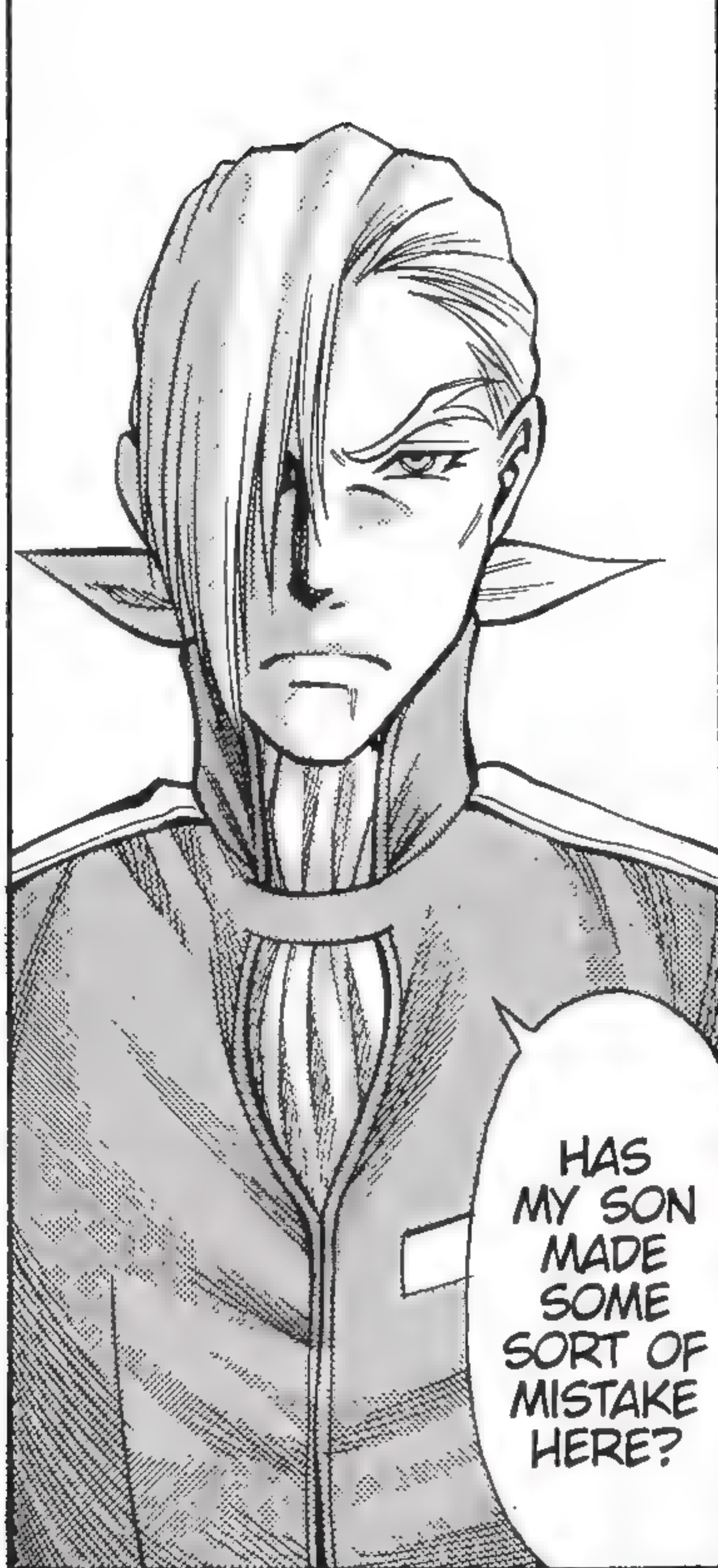
HM?



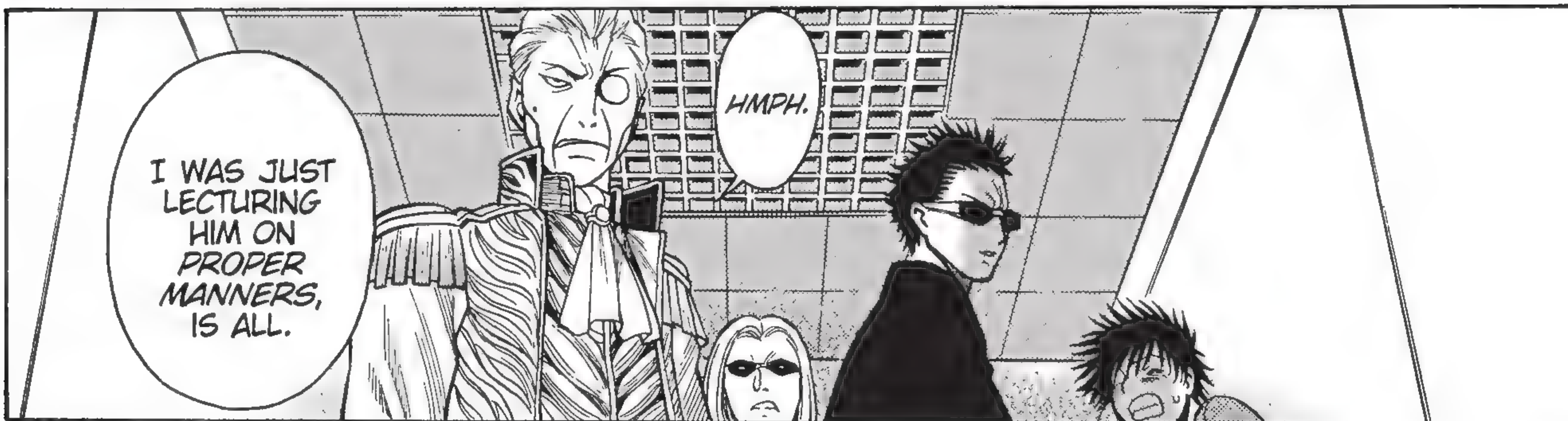
YOUR  
BREATH  
**STINKS**.

MAYBE YOU  
SHOULD THINK  
ABOUT SEEING  
A DENTIST  
SOMETIME,  
OLD MAN.



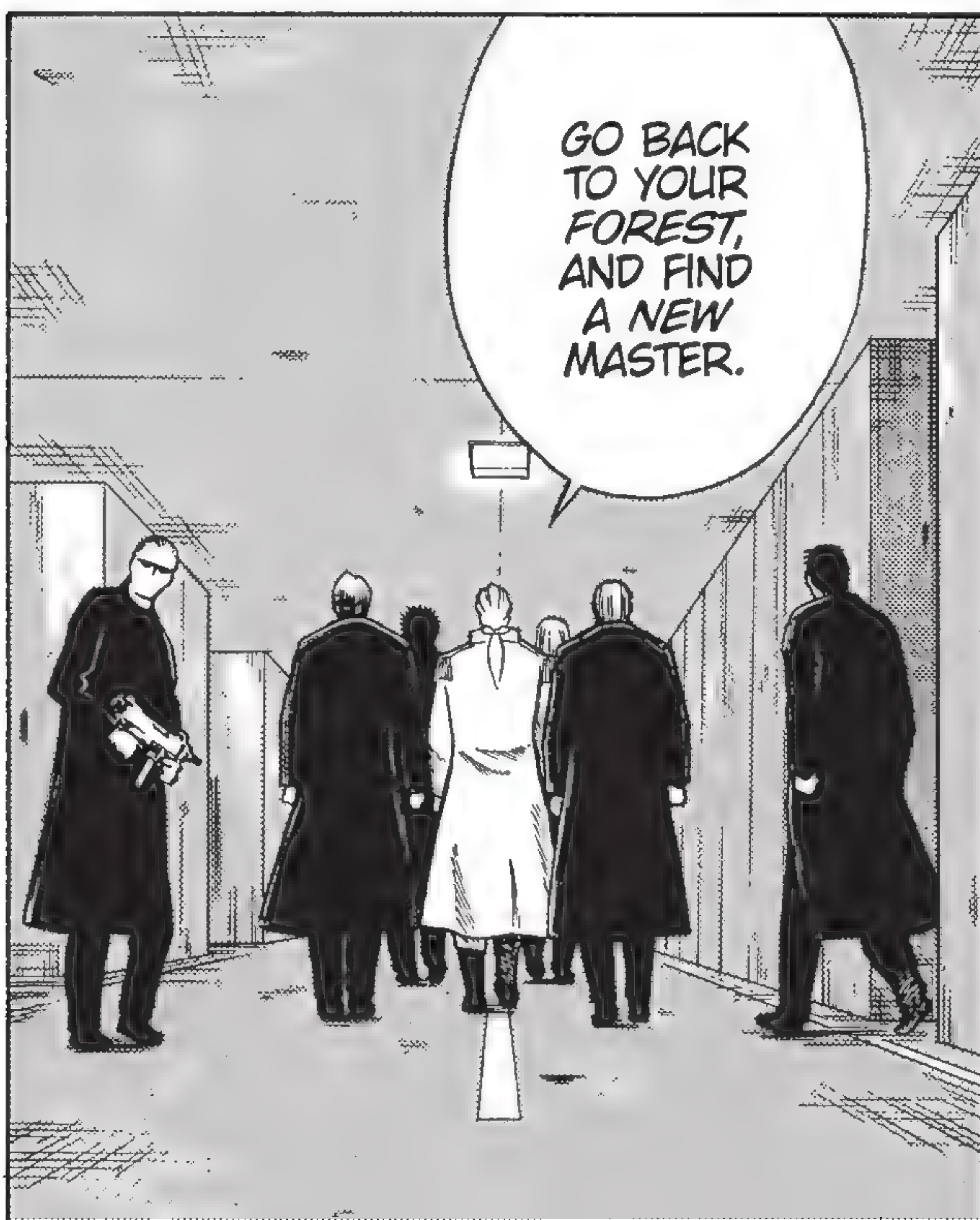


HAS  
MY SON  
MADE  
SOME  
SORT OF  
MISTAKE  
HERE?



I WAS JUST  
LECTURING  
HIM ON  
PROPER  
MANNERS,  
IS ALL.

HMPH.



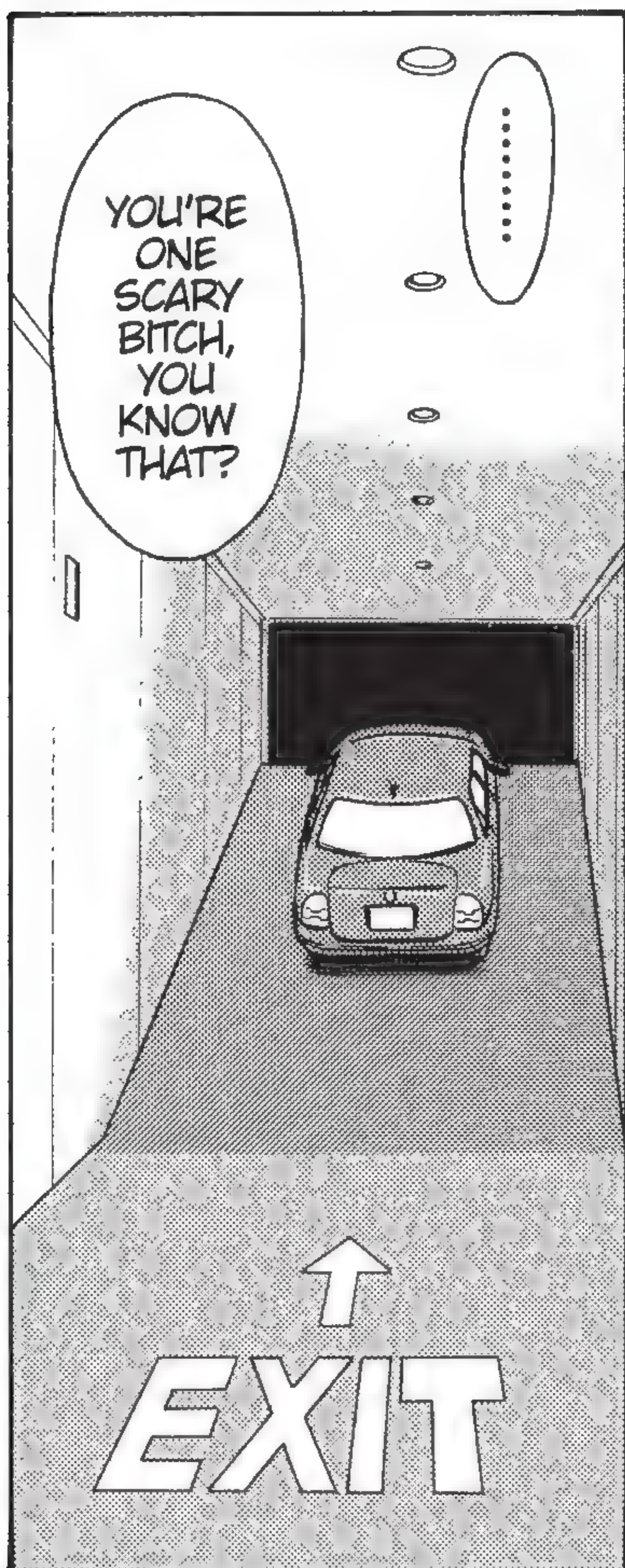
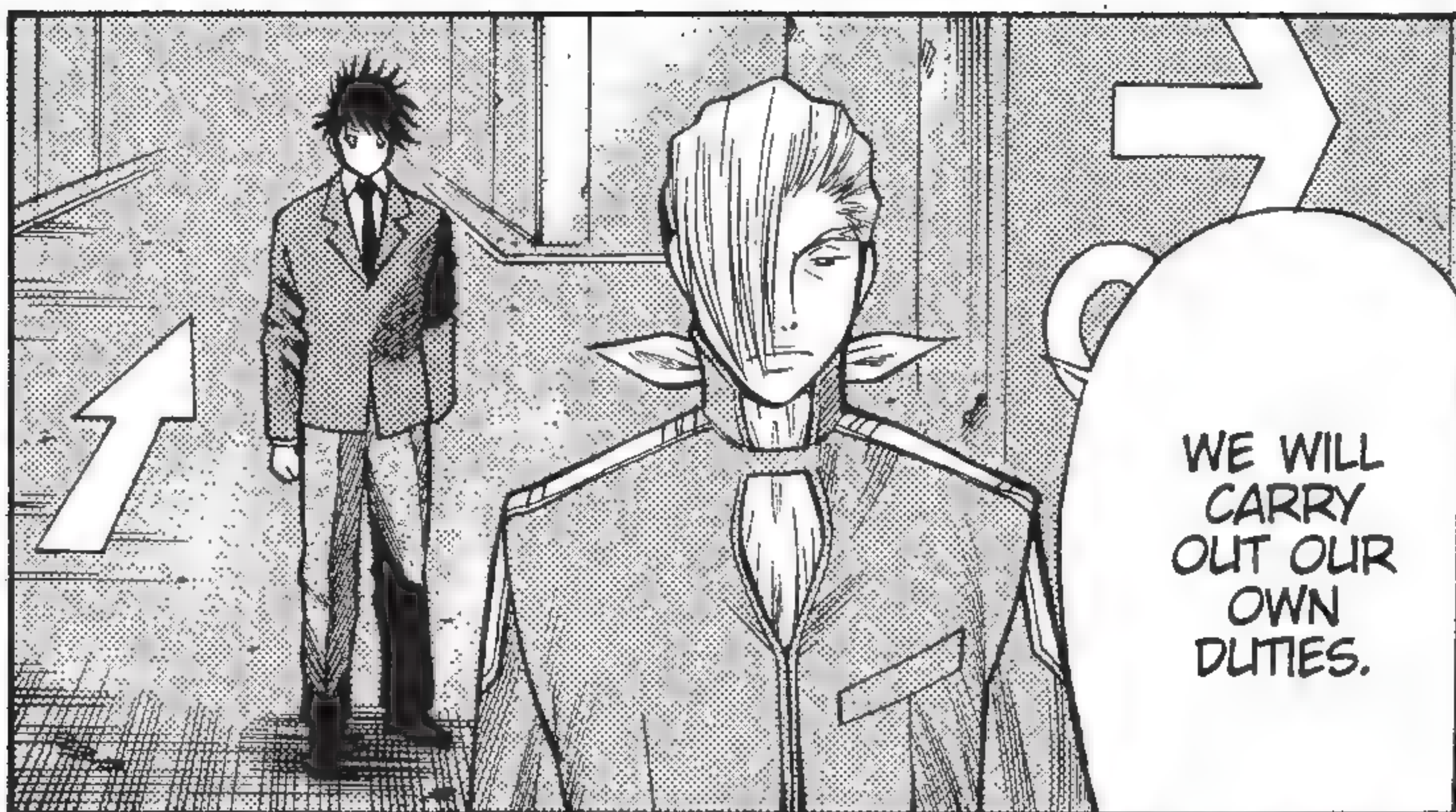
GO BACK  
TO YOUR  
FOREST,  
AND FIND  
A NEW  
MASTER.



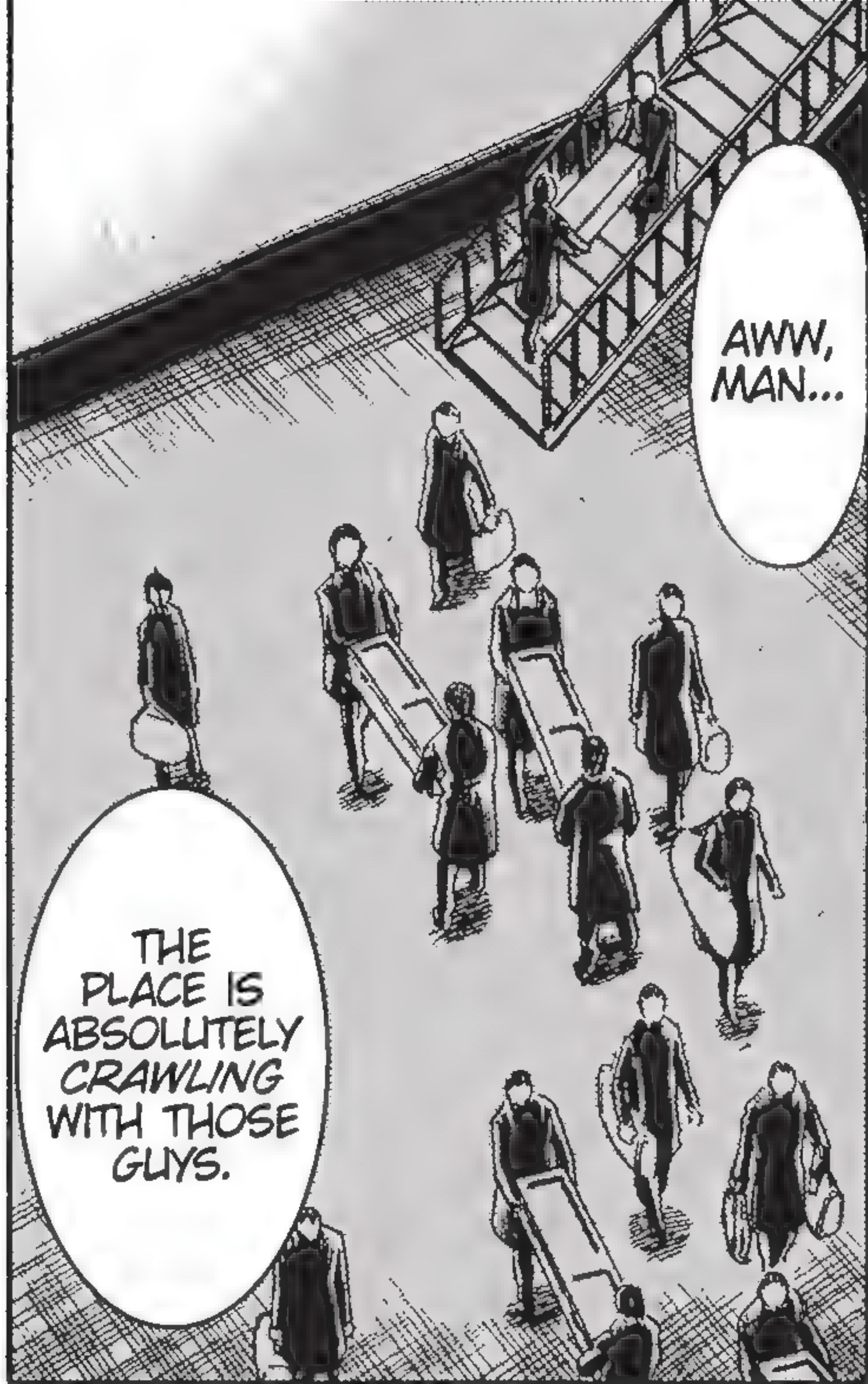
FROM  
NOW ON, MY  
SOLDIERS WILL  
PROTECT  
HER ROYAL  
HIGHNESS.

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
LEFT FOR  
YOU  
MONGRELS  
TO DO  
HERE.



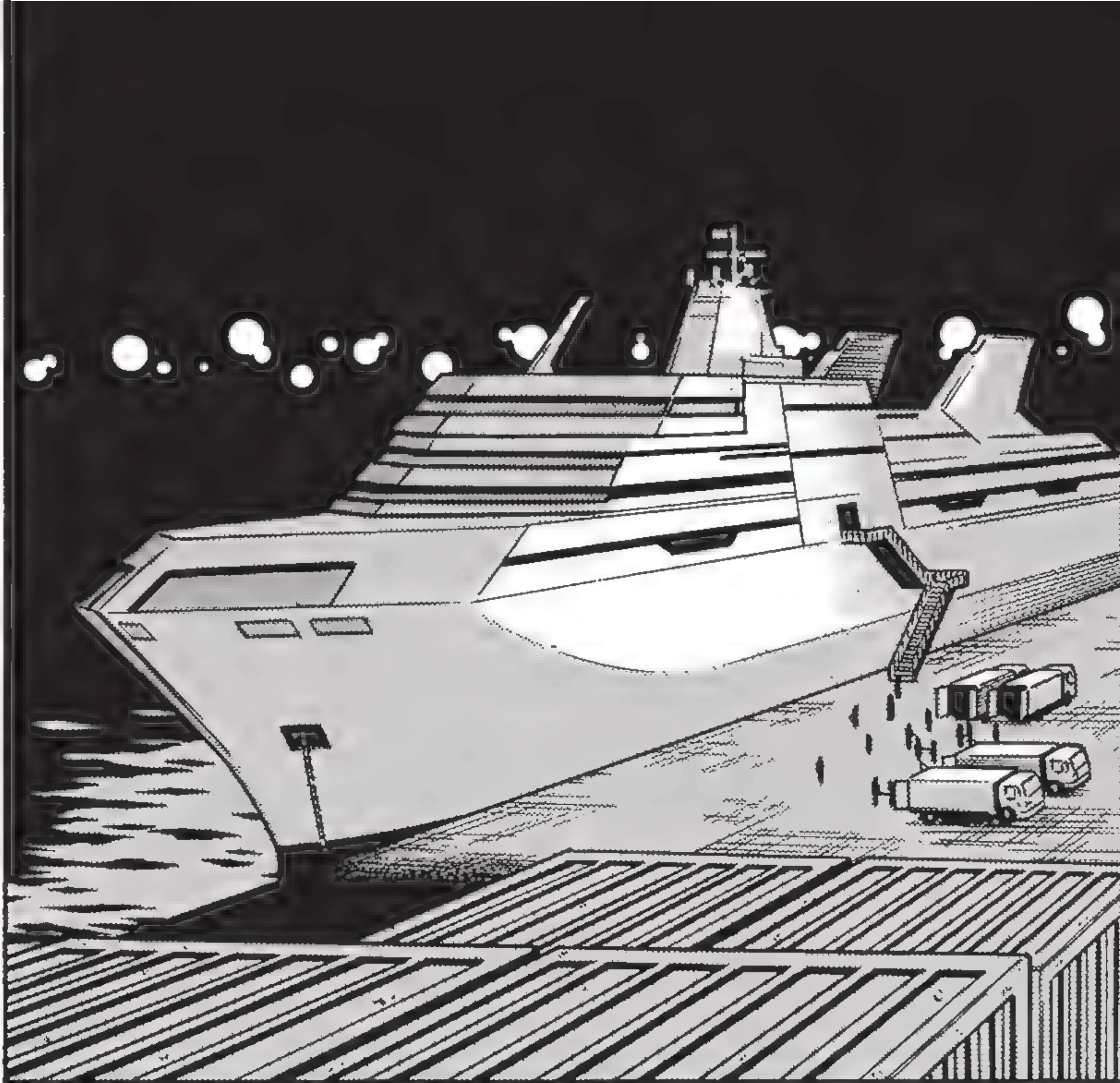






AWW,  
MAN...

THE  
PLACE IS  
ABSOLUTELY  
CRAWLING  
WITH THOSE  
GUYS.



THE ONLY  
THING ON  
HIS MIND IS  
SECURING  
HIMSELF A  
POSITION  
HERE.

HE BELIEVES  
THAT USING  
THE RULING  
FAMILY FOR HIS  
OWN BENEFIT  
IS HIS GOD-  
GIVEN RIGHT.



IS HE TRYING  
TO FILL THE  
ENTIRE ISLAND  
WITH HIS  
HENCHMEN?

HOW MANY  
PEOPLE DID  
HE BRING  
WITH HIM?  
**HUNDREDS?**



NO, I  
WON'T  
ALLOW  
IT.

GUESS  
VAMPIRES  
AREN'T  
THAT DIF-  
FERENT  
FROM  
HUMANS,  
THEN.





I WON'T LET  
ANYBODY...  
GET IN THE  
WAY OF  
HIME-SAMA'S  
WISH.



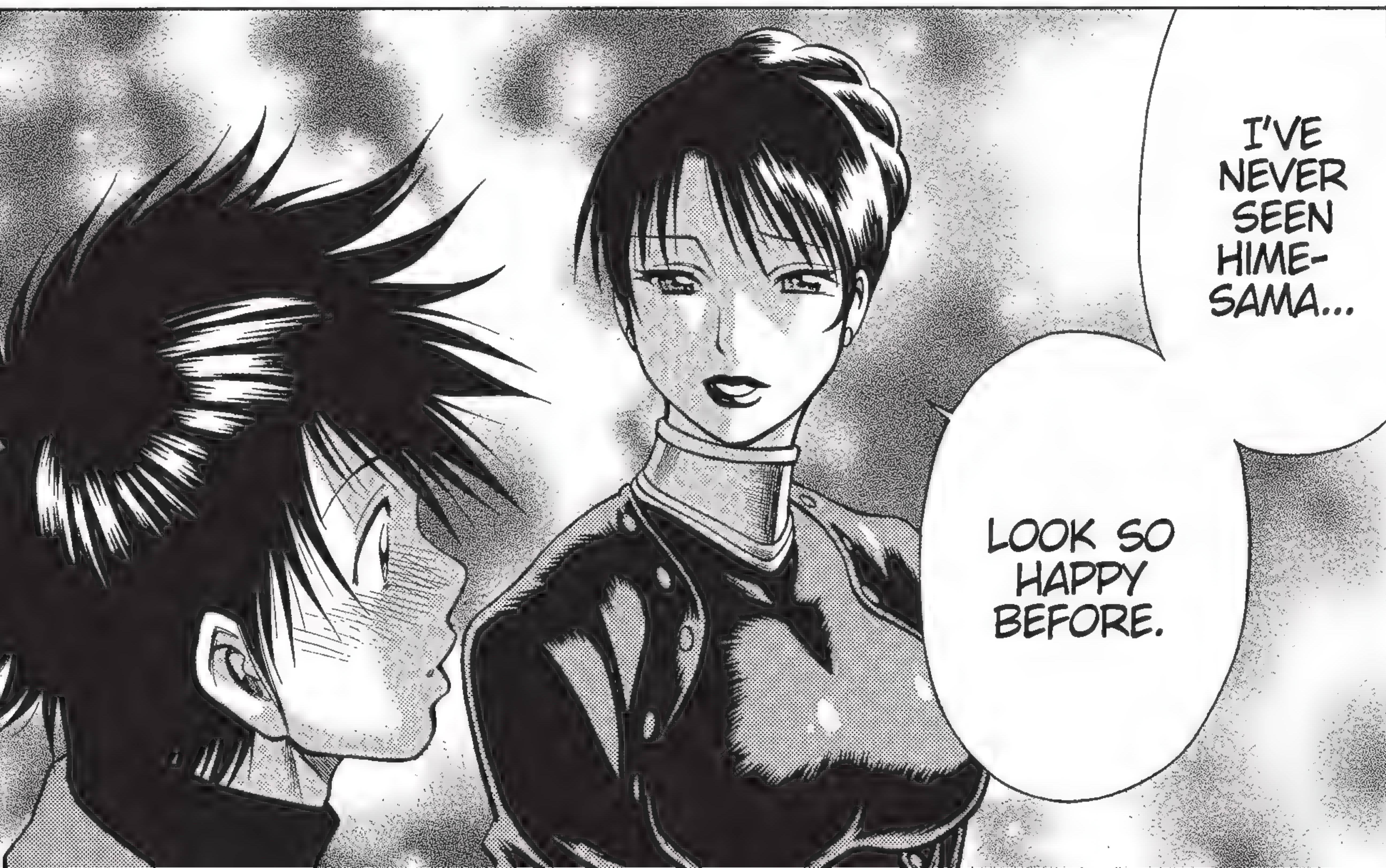
AKIRA-  
SAN...

DAMN,  
THIS  
LADY'S  
CREEPY.



HUH?

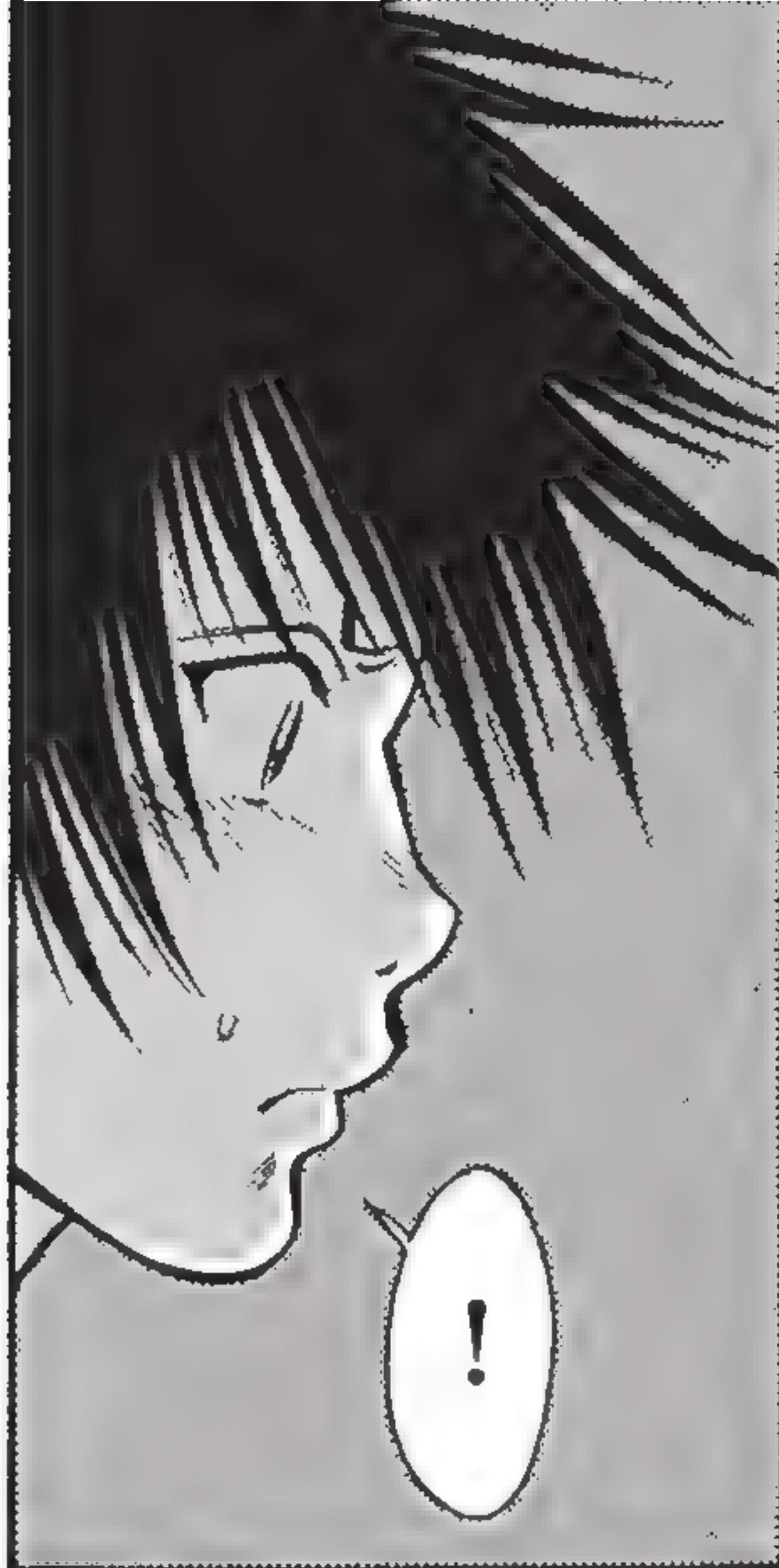
I...  
APPRECIATE  
WHAT YOU'VE  
DONE.



I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN  
HIME-  
SAMA...

LOOK SO  
HAPPY  
BEFORE.









SO, TELL  
ME, WHAT  
WOULD ONE  
OF THE  
MARQUIS'  
HENCHMEN  
BE DOING  
OUT HERE?



COULD  
IT BE...  
YOU'RE ON  
A SPECIAL  
ASSIGN-  
MENT?



IT  
SMELLS...  
VAGUELY  
FAMILIAR.



YEAH,  
NIGHTS LIKE  
TONIGHT ARE  
JUST THE  
BEST FOR  
SNEAKING  
AROUND,  
HUH?

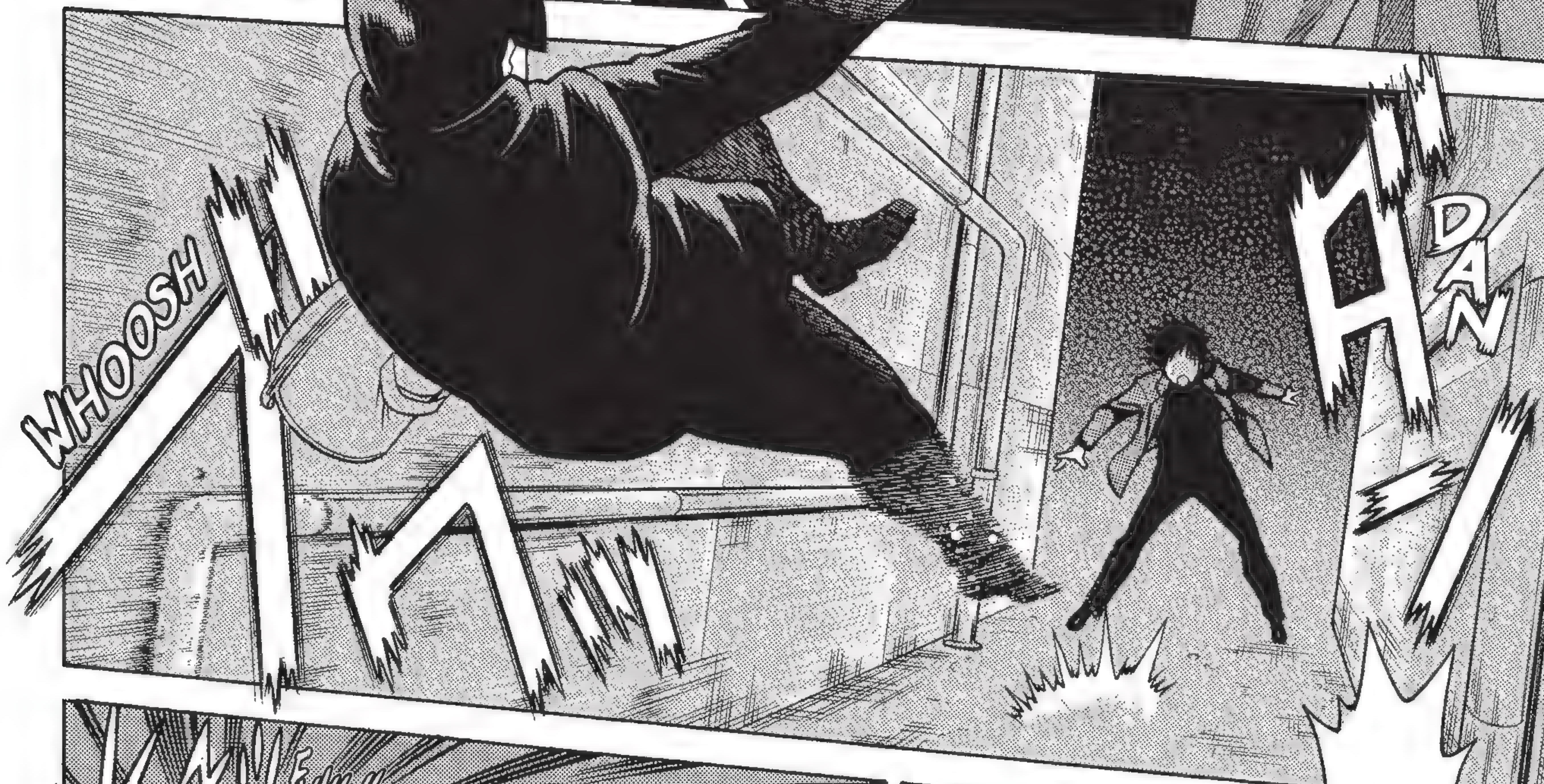
ISN'T IT  
A GREAT  
NIGHT?





YEAH,  
SMELLS  
JUST  
LIKE  
C-4.

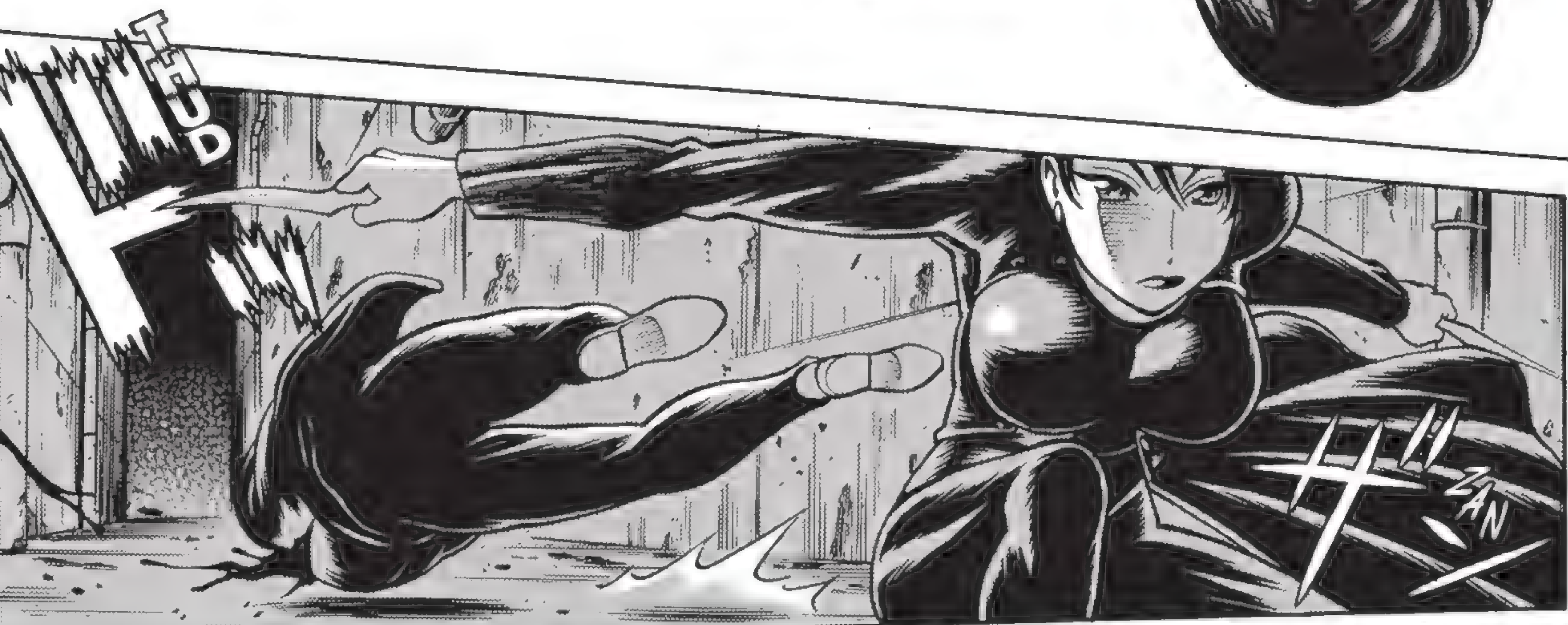
PLASTIC  
EXPLOSIVES.



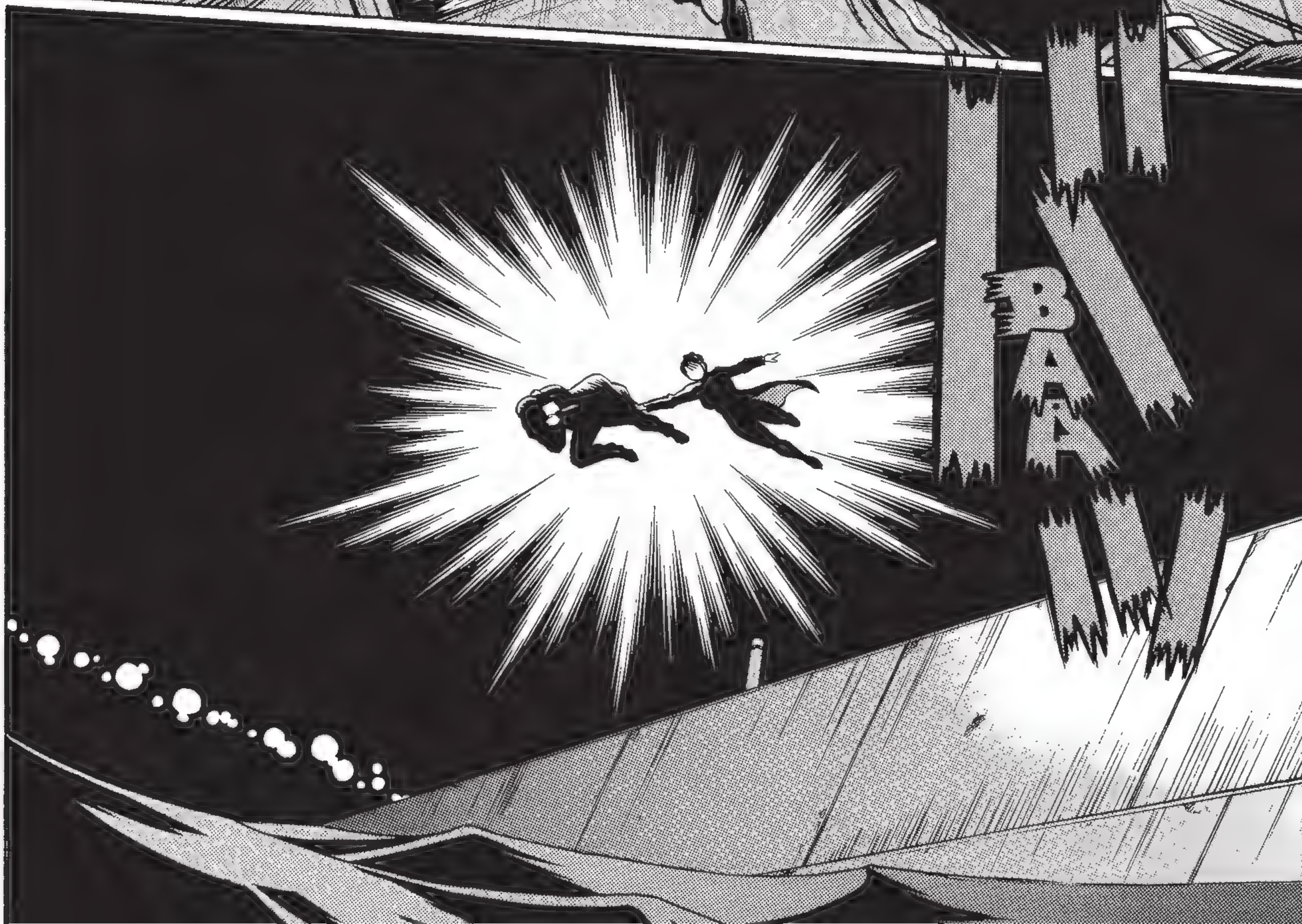
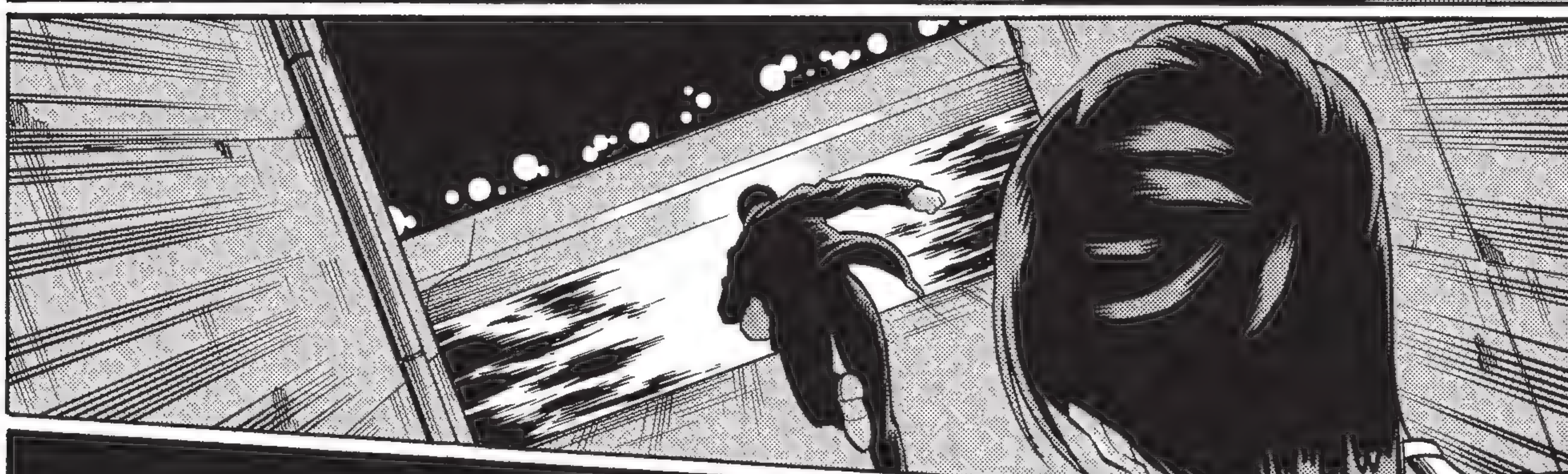
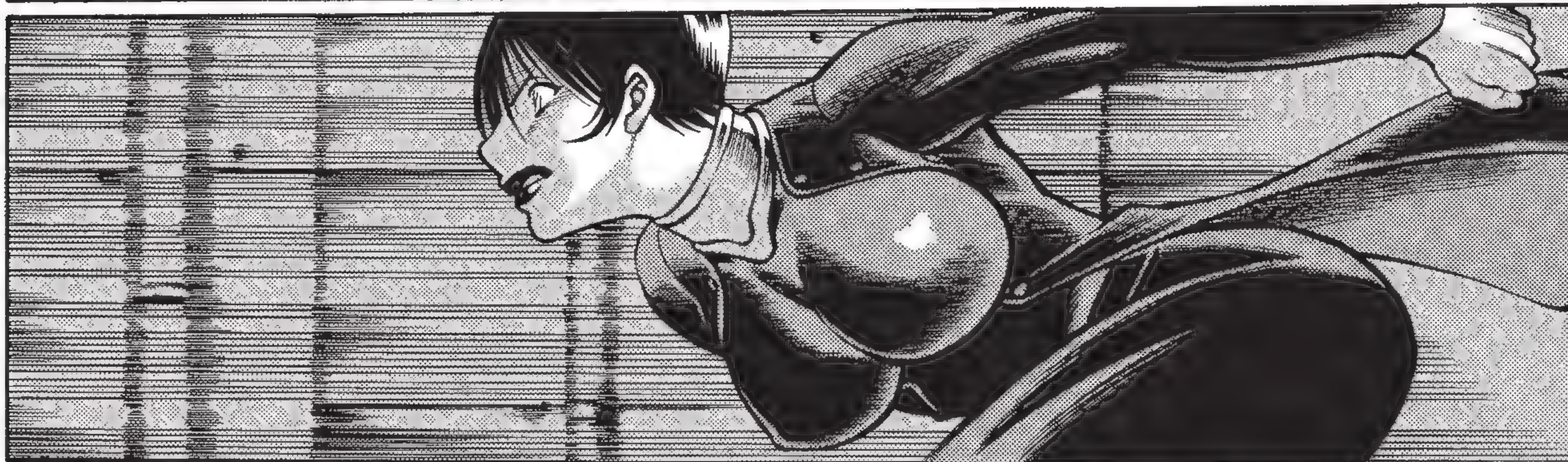
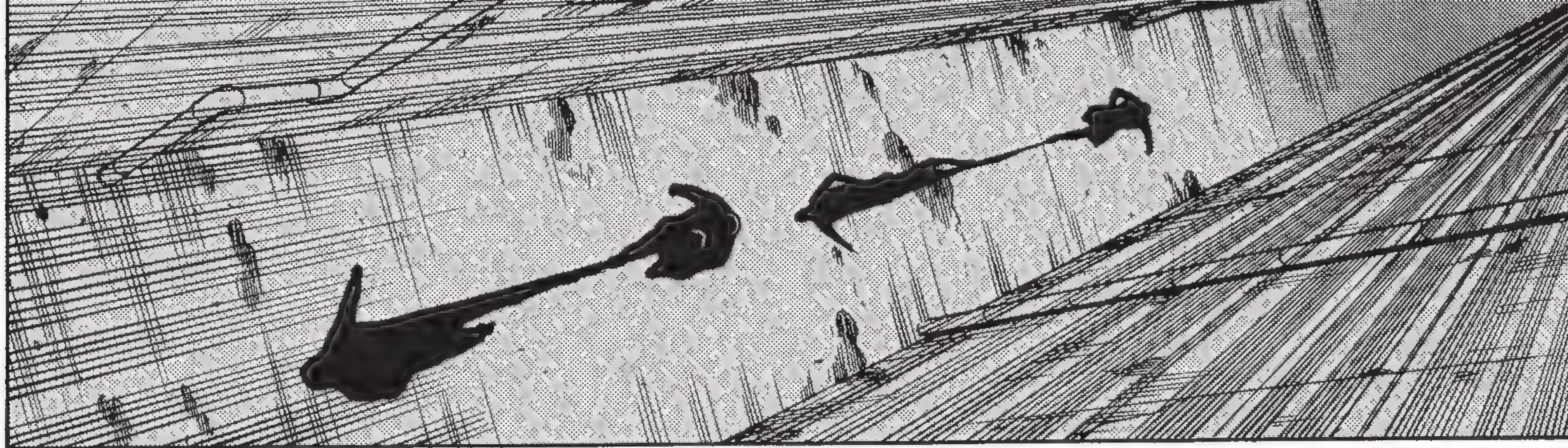
WAIT...

SHIT  
....!

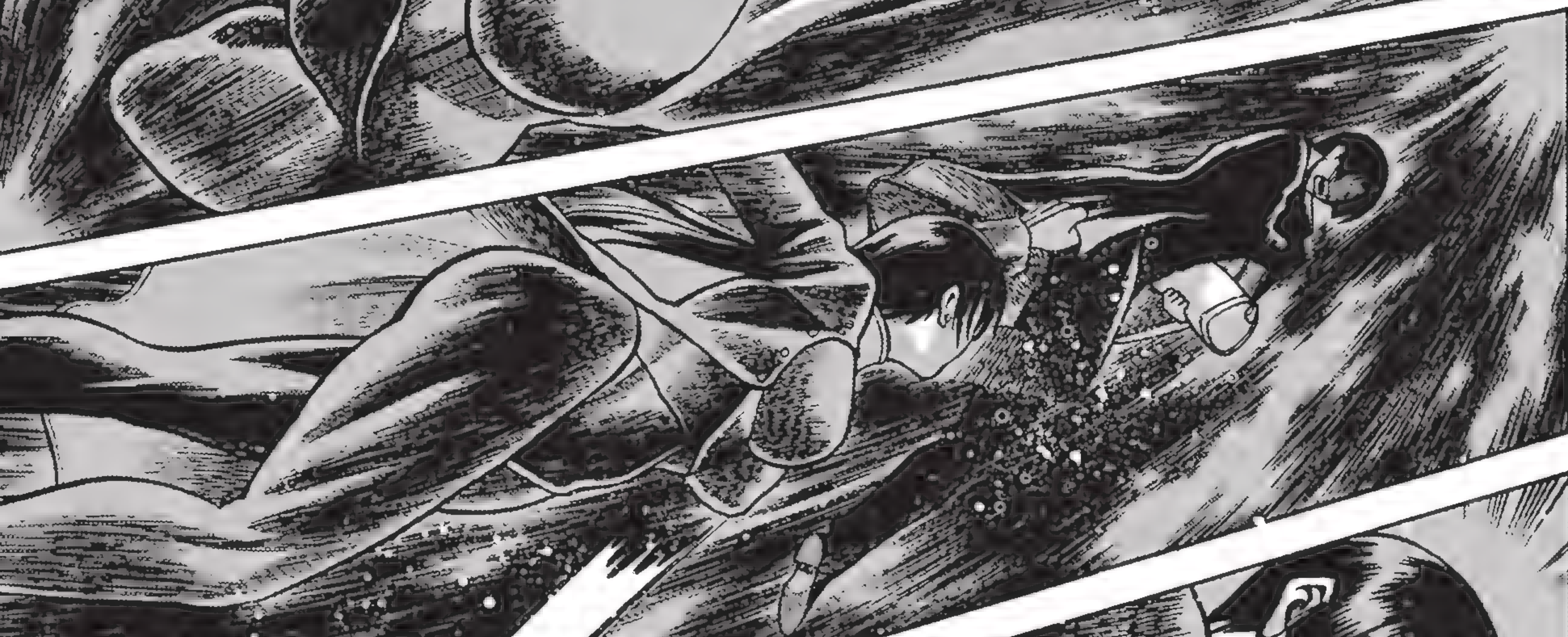
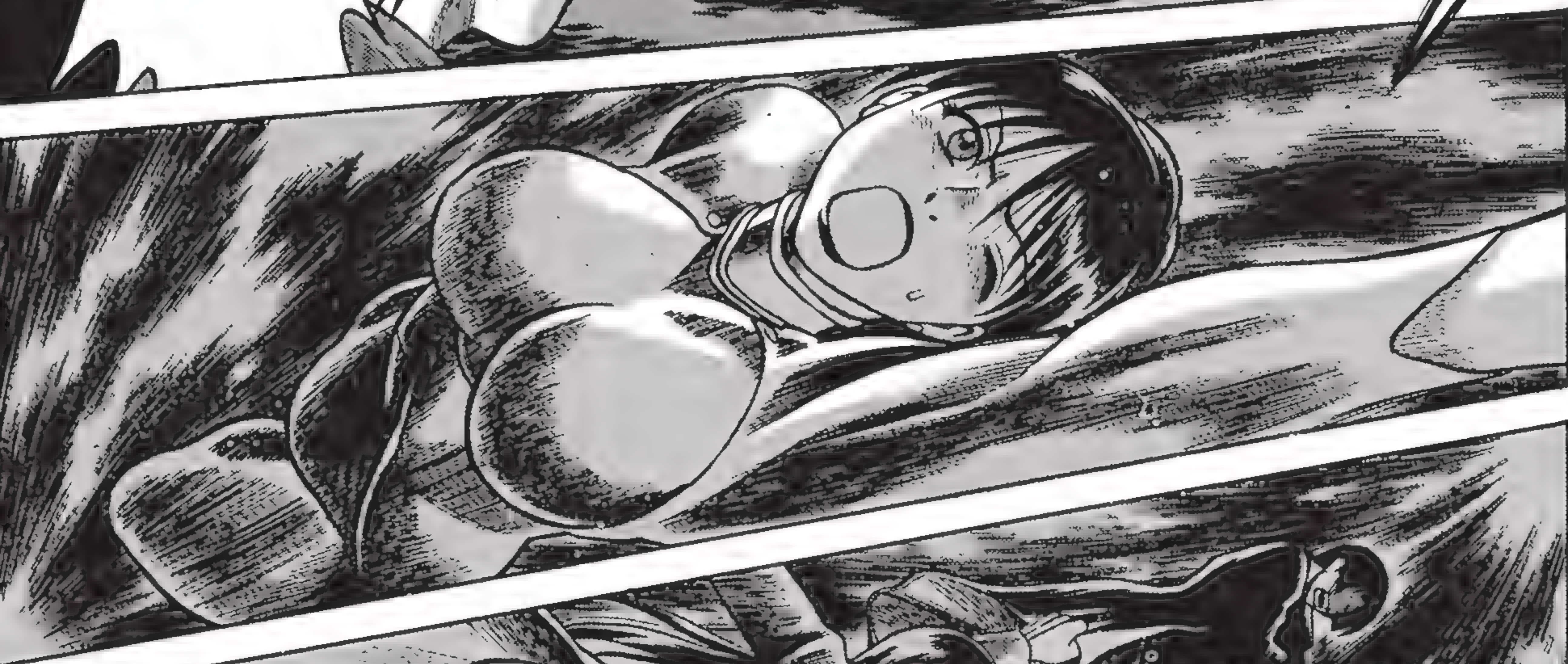
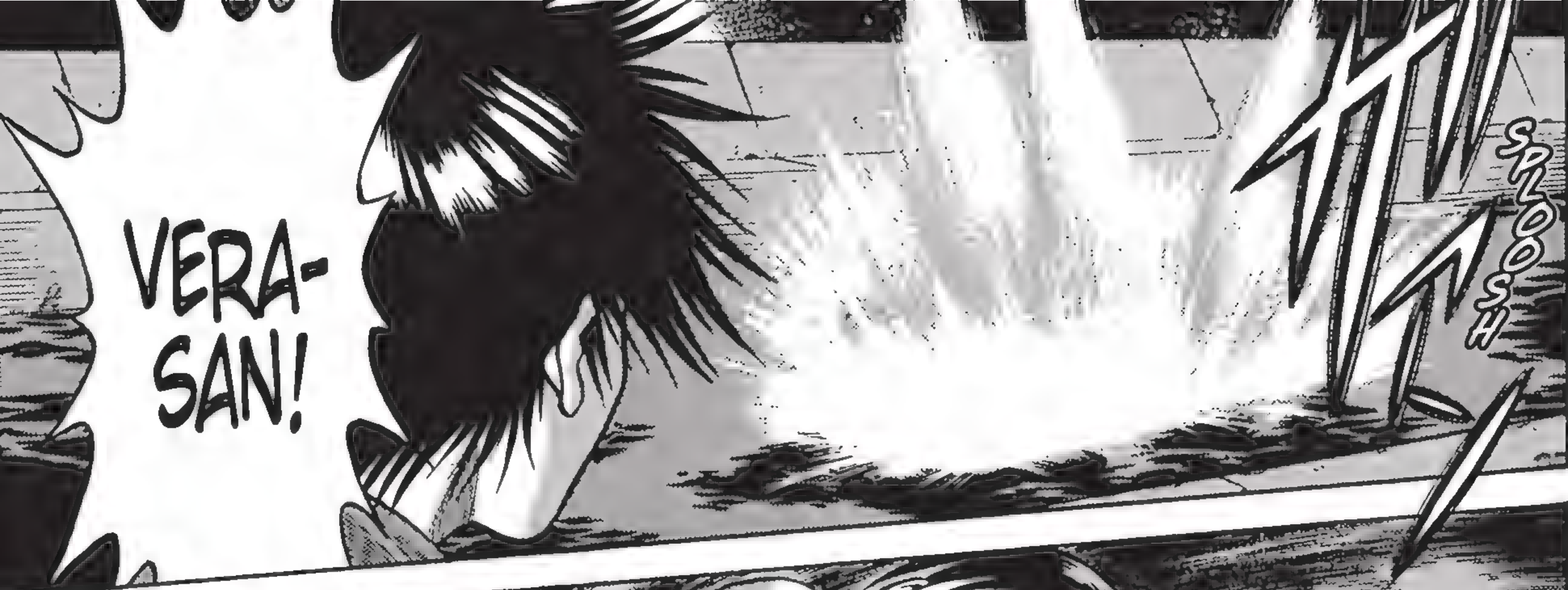




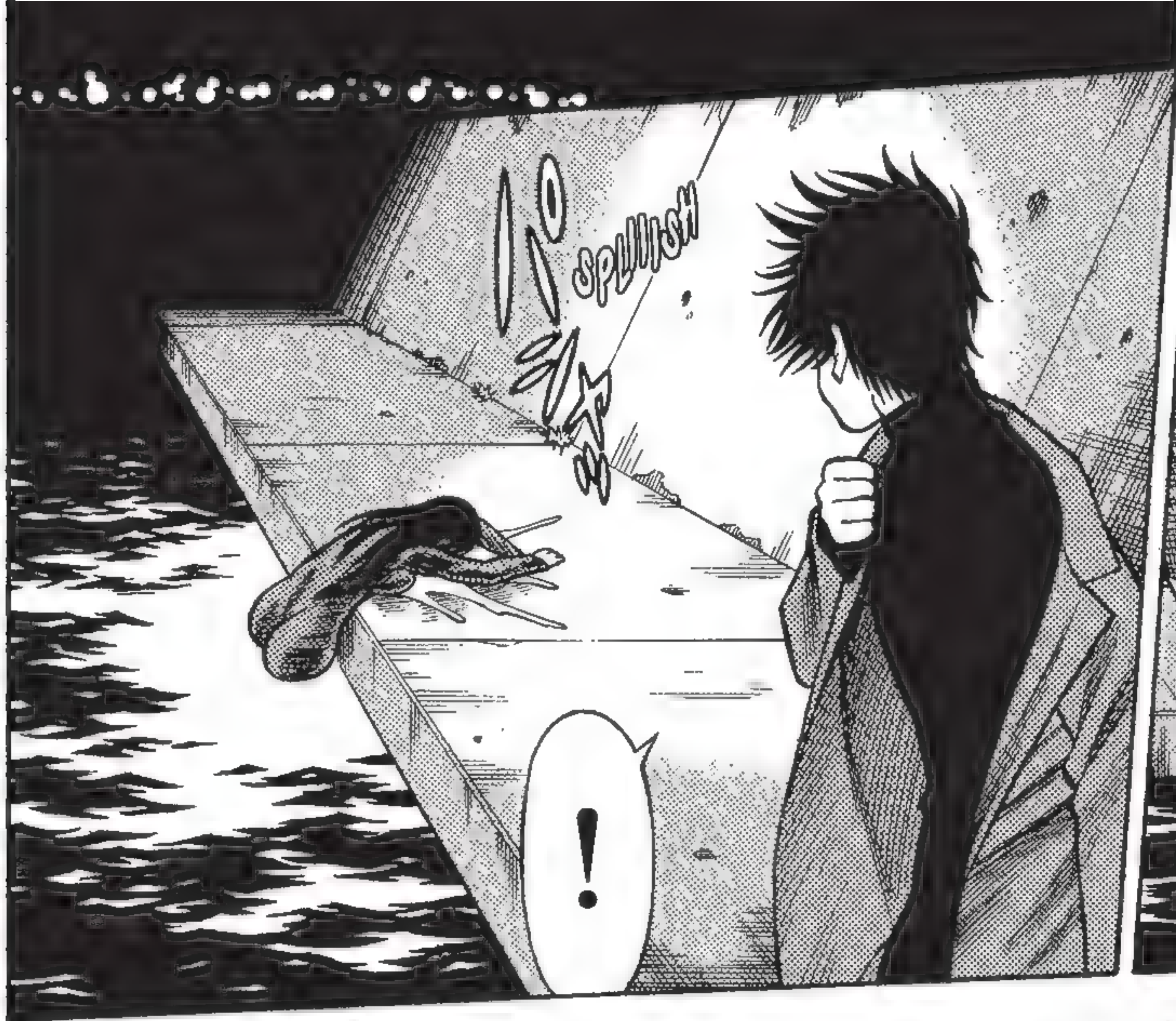














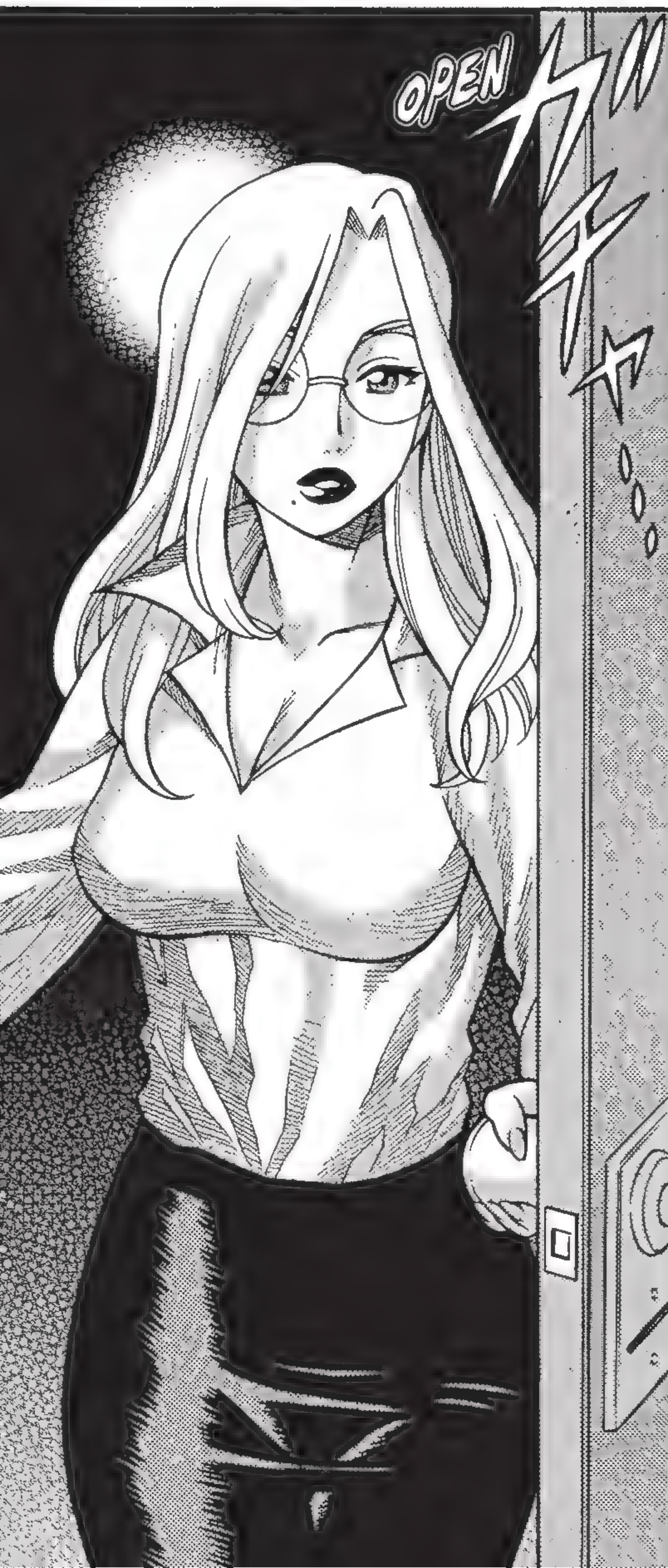


VERA-SAN...?

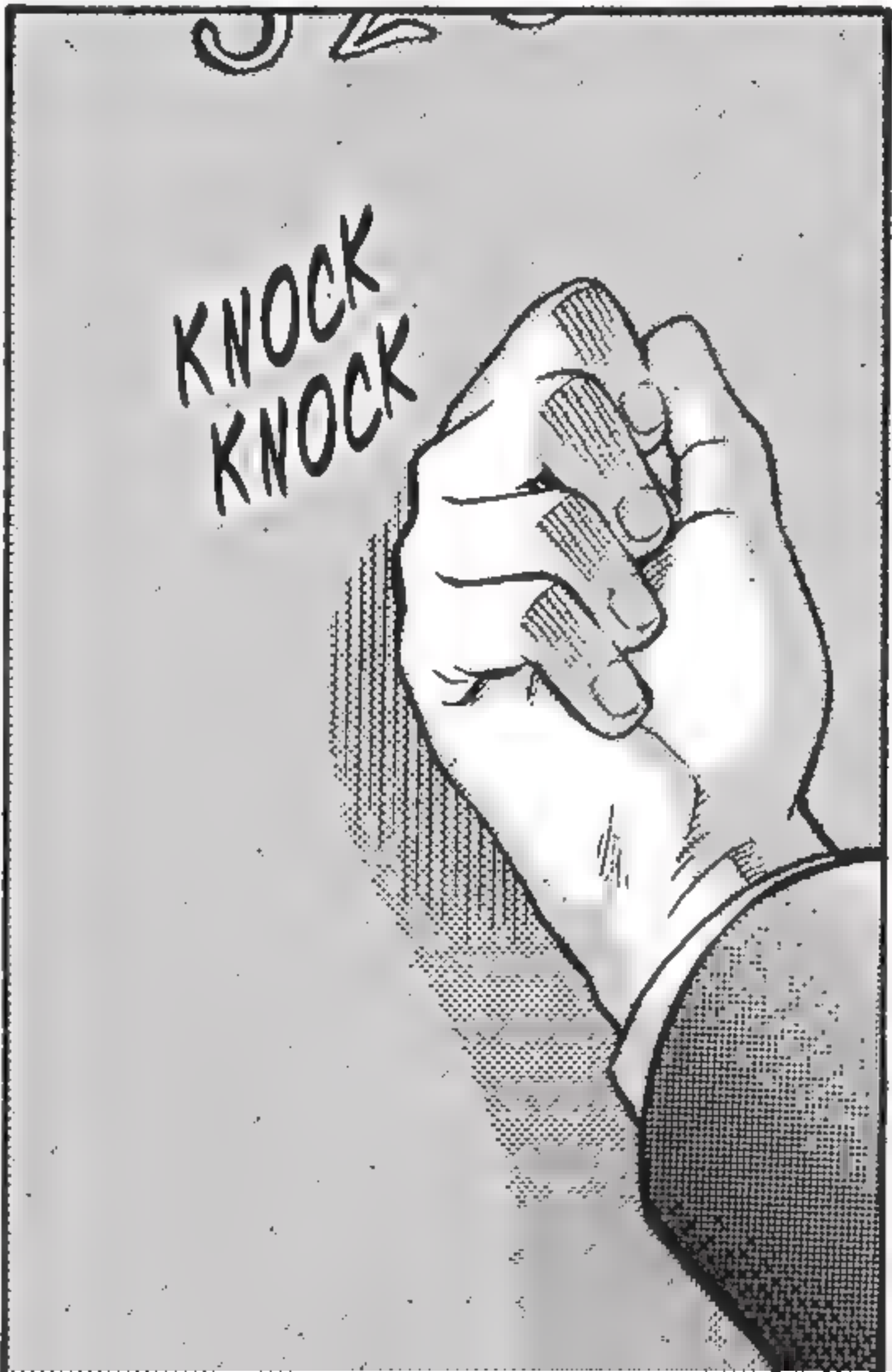
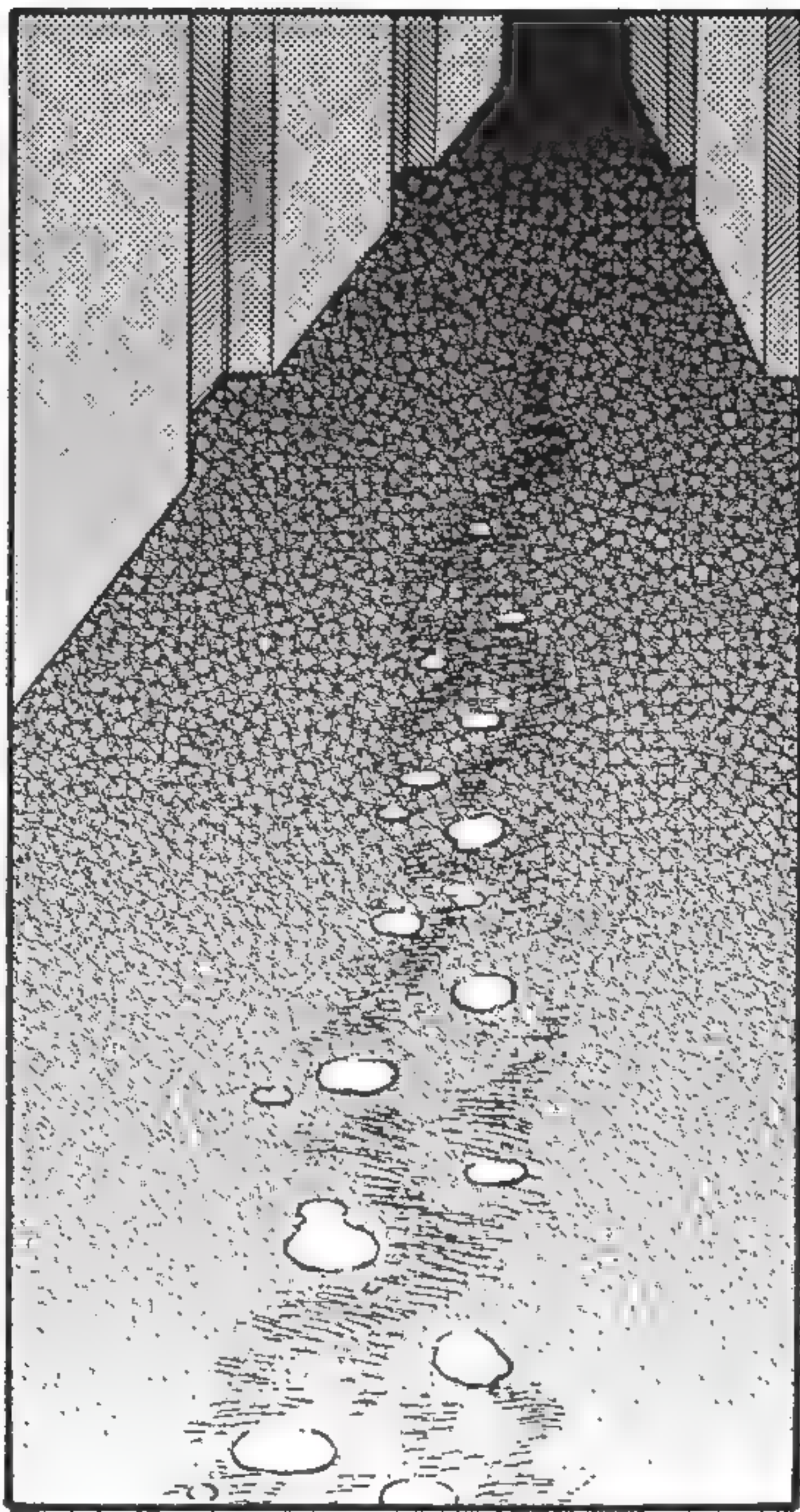


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

HOW COULD A VAMPIRE BE AFTER HIME-SAMA'S LIFE...?



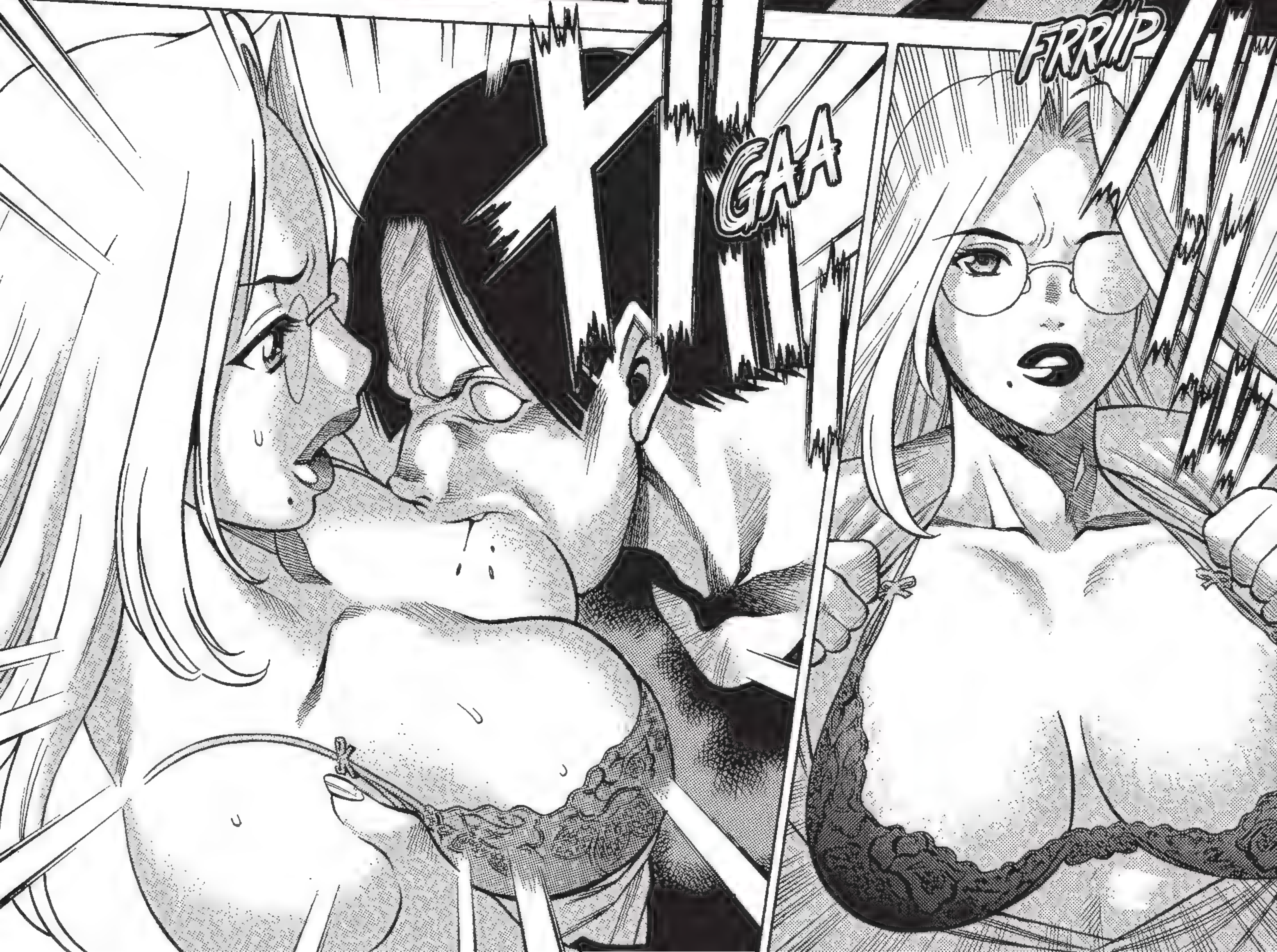
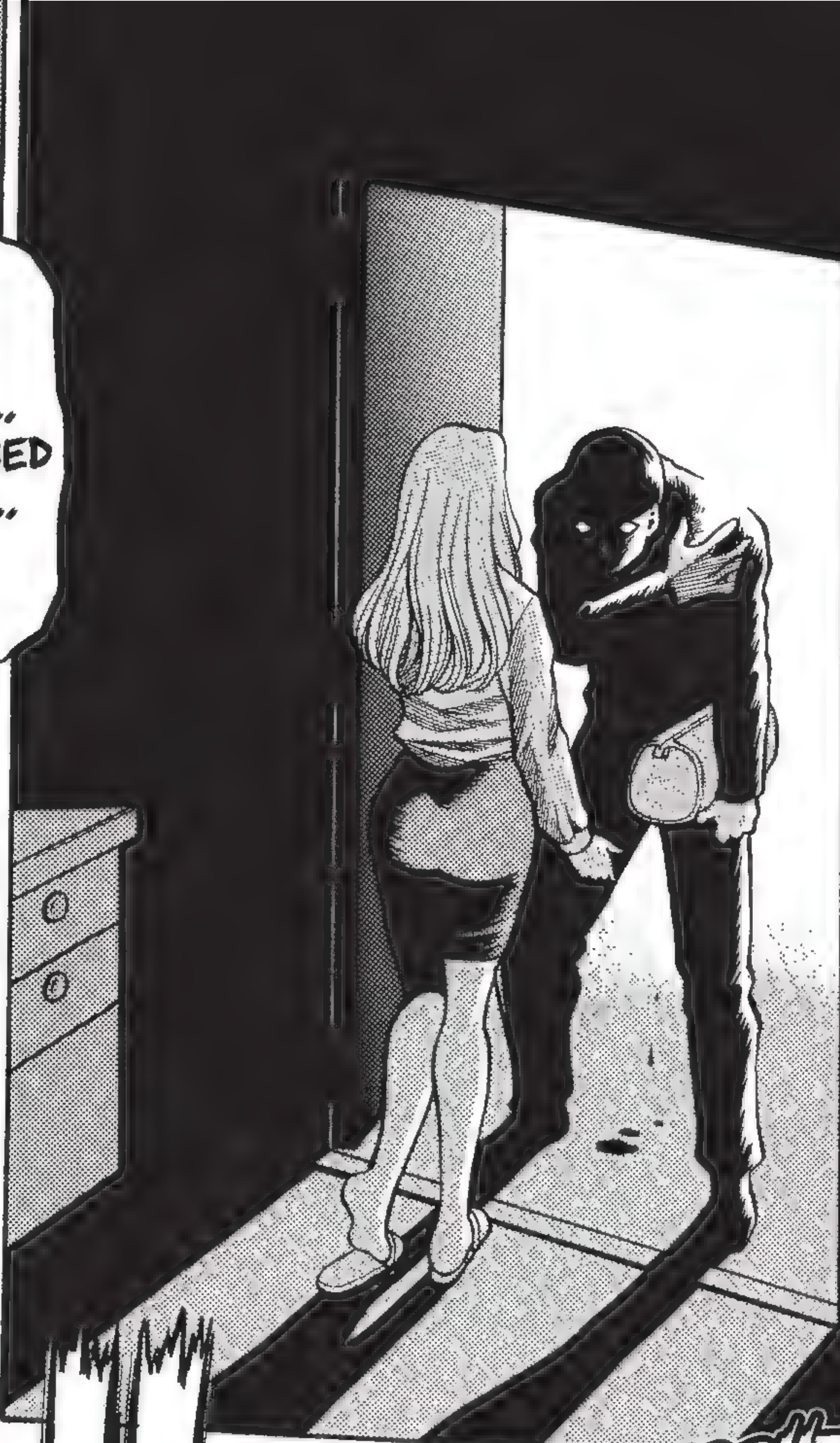
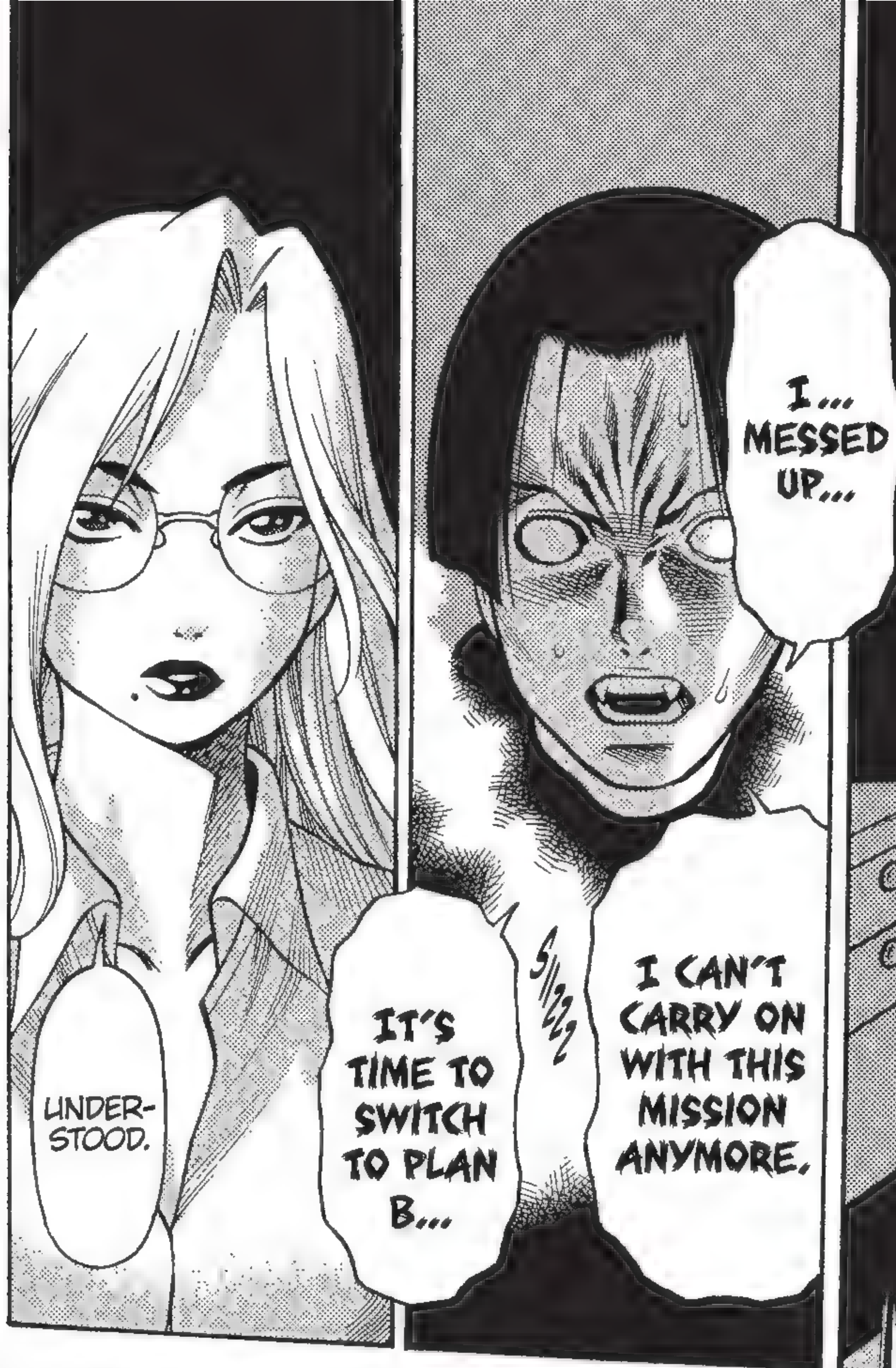
OPEN



KNOCK KNOCK





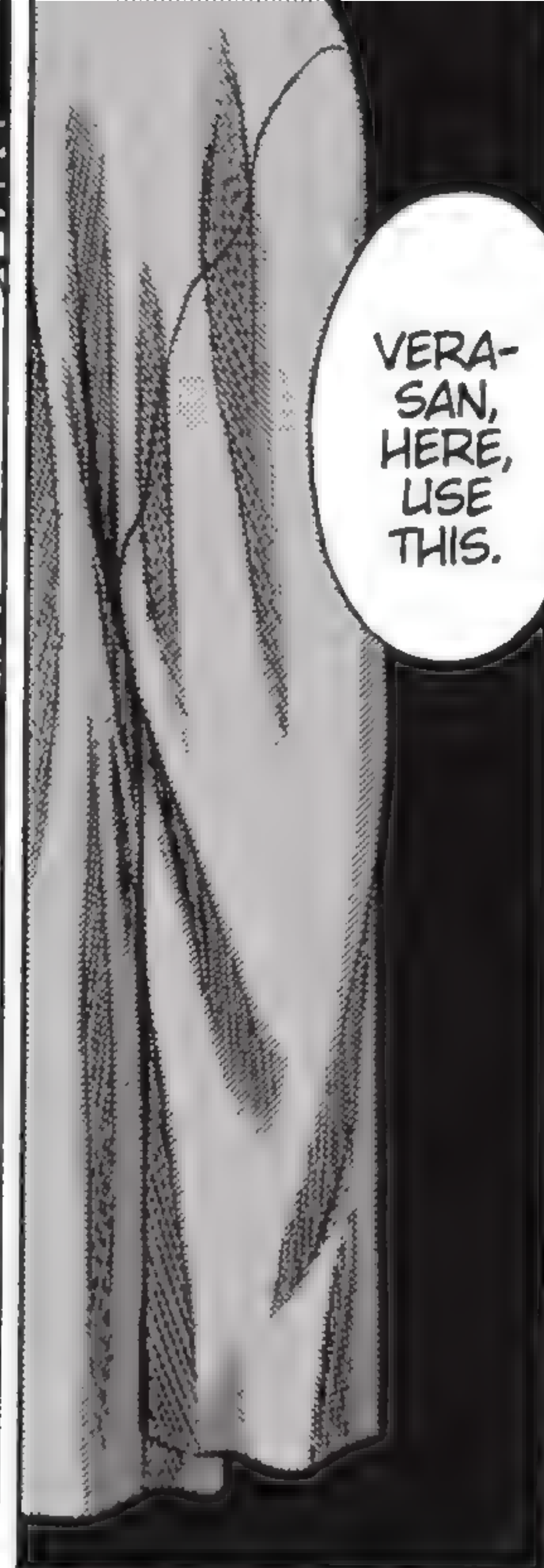






OH...  
THANK  
YOU.

DAD'S  
SOLDIERS ARE  
SCOURING THE  
AREA DOWN BY  
THE RIVER, BUT  
THEY HAVEN'T  
TURNED UP  
ANYTHING YET.



VERA-  
SAN,  
HERE,  
USE  
THIS.



HE  
COULDN'T  
HAVE  
GOTTEN  
VERY FAR.

I  
WOUNDED  
HIM QUITE  
BADLY.

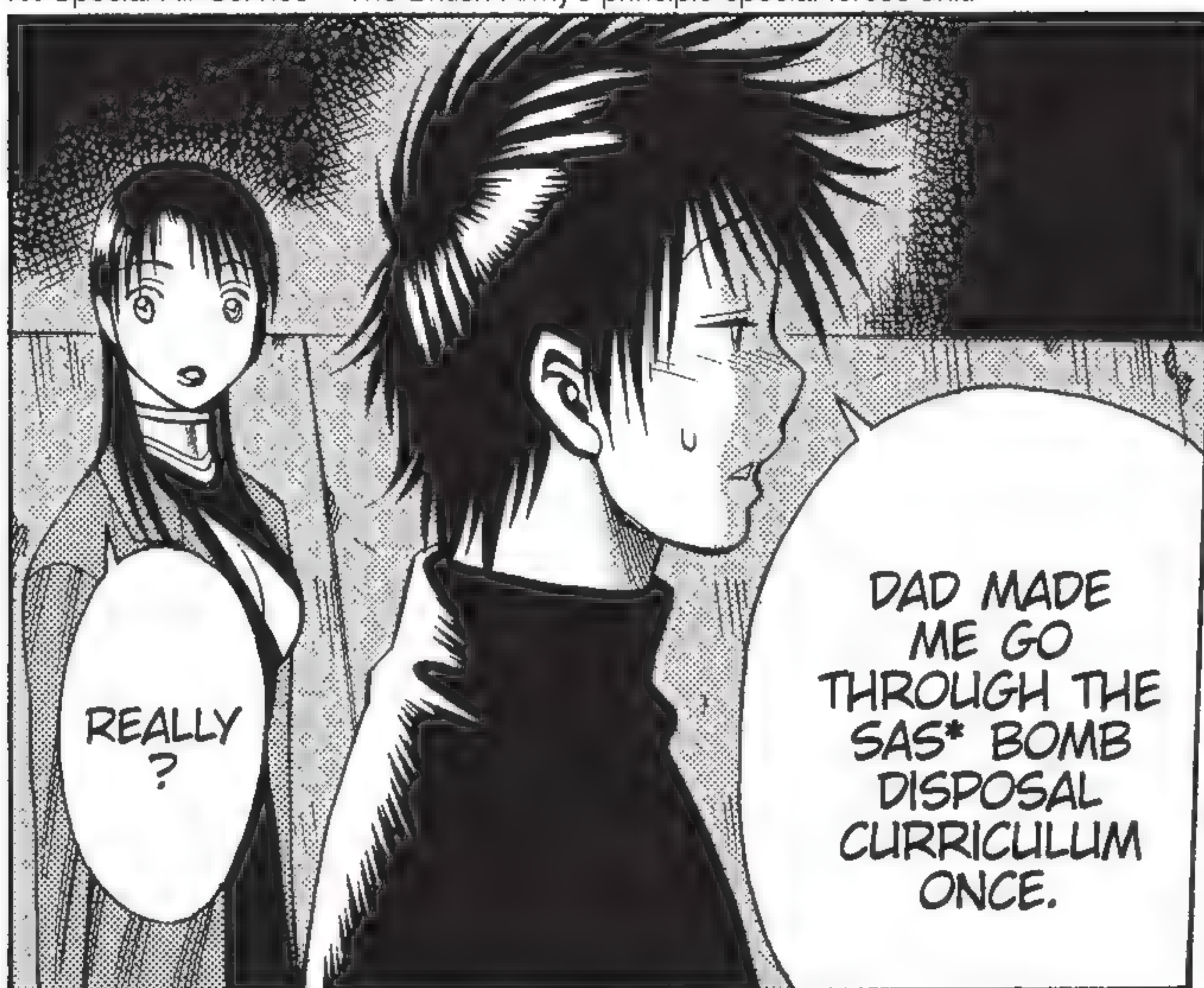


AGREED!

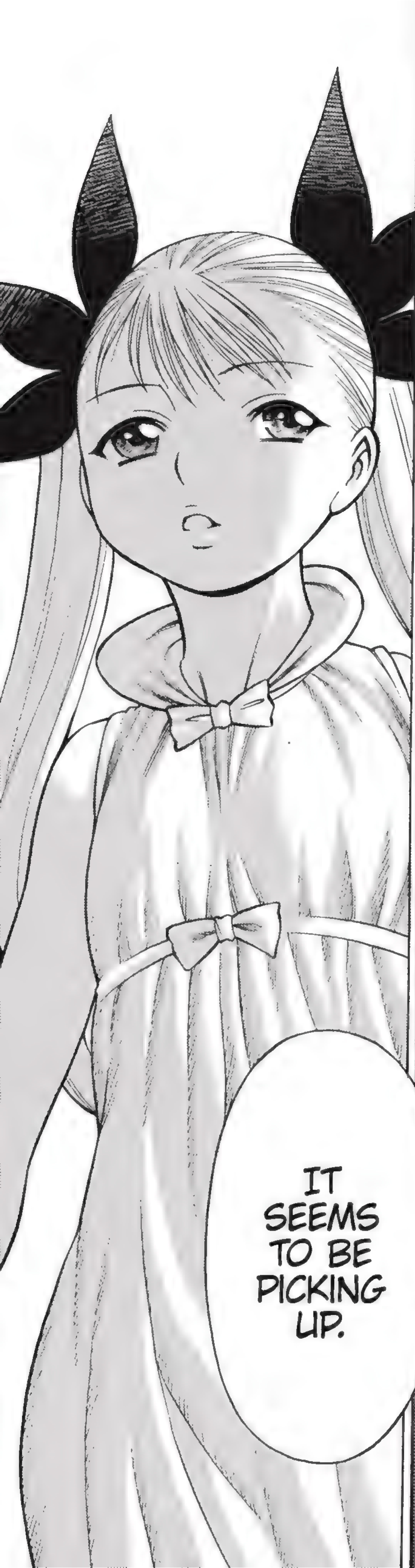
EITHER WAY,  
WE SHOULD  
HEAD BACK.  
WE NEED TO  
INTERRO-  
GATE LORD  
DERMAILLE!











IT  
SEEMS  
TO BE  
PICKING  
UP.

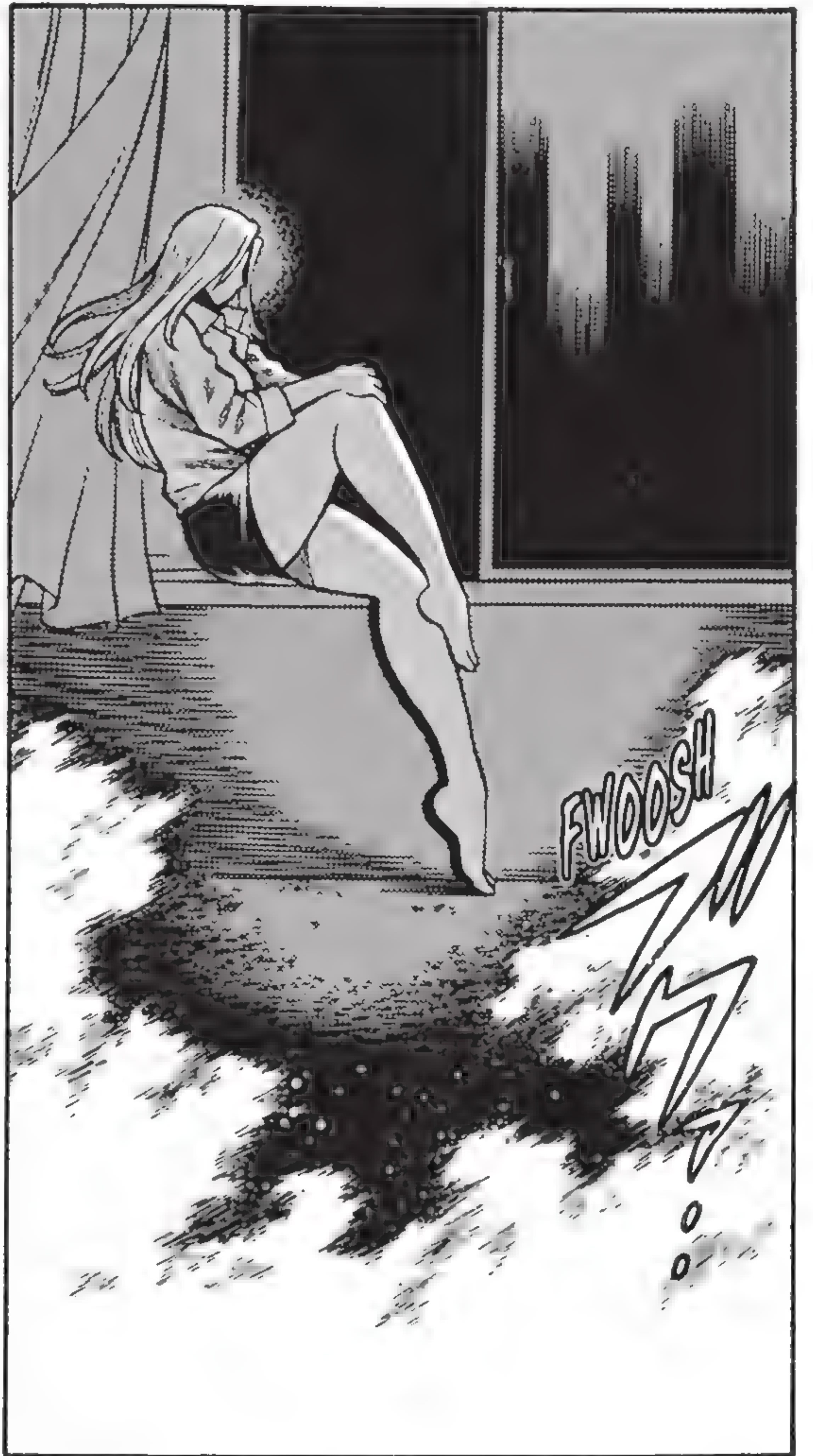
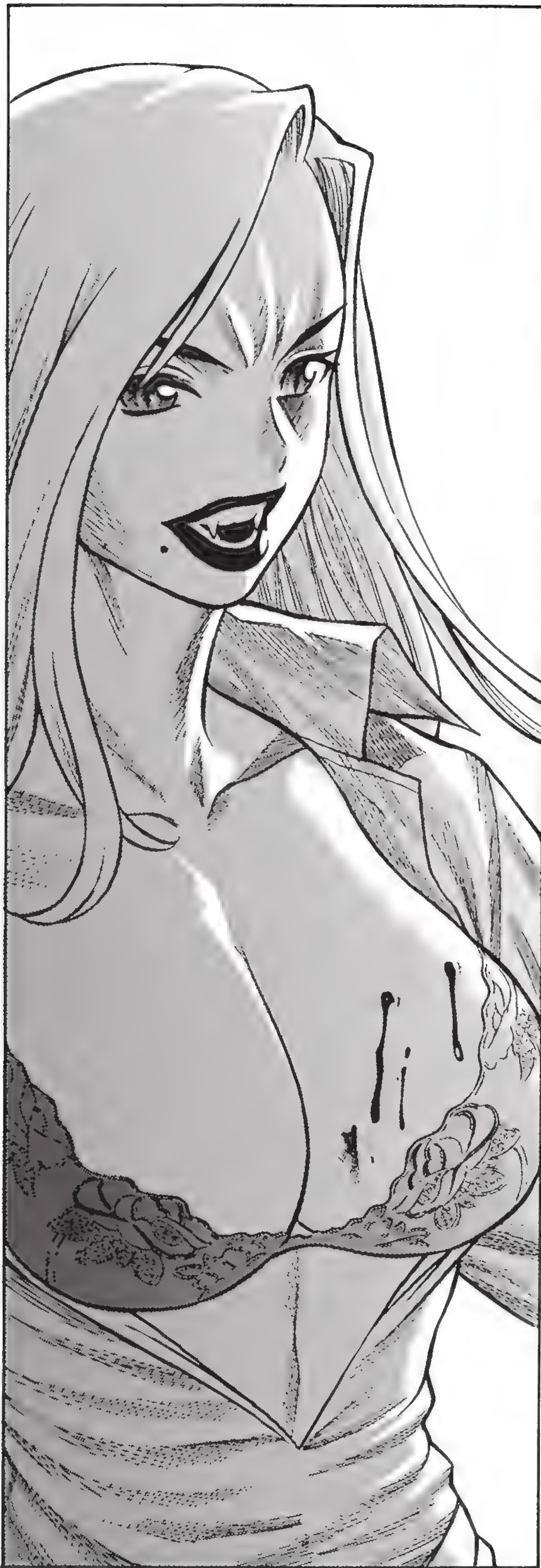


THE  
WIND...

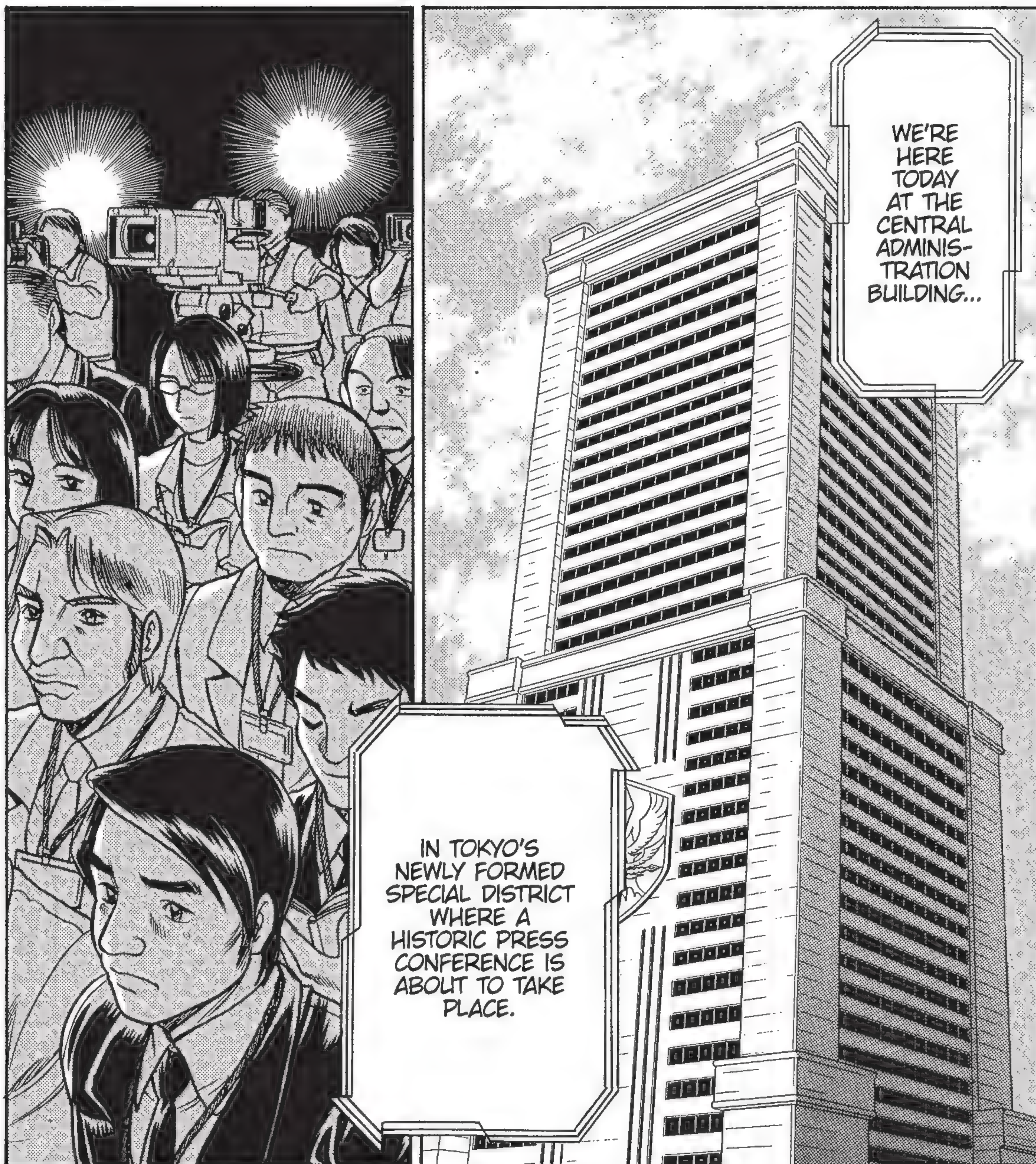


WE  
BETTER  
HURRY.



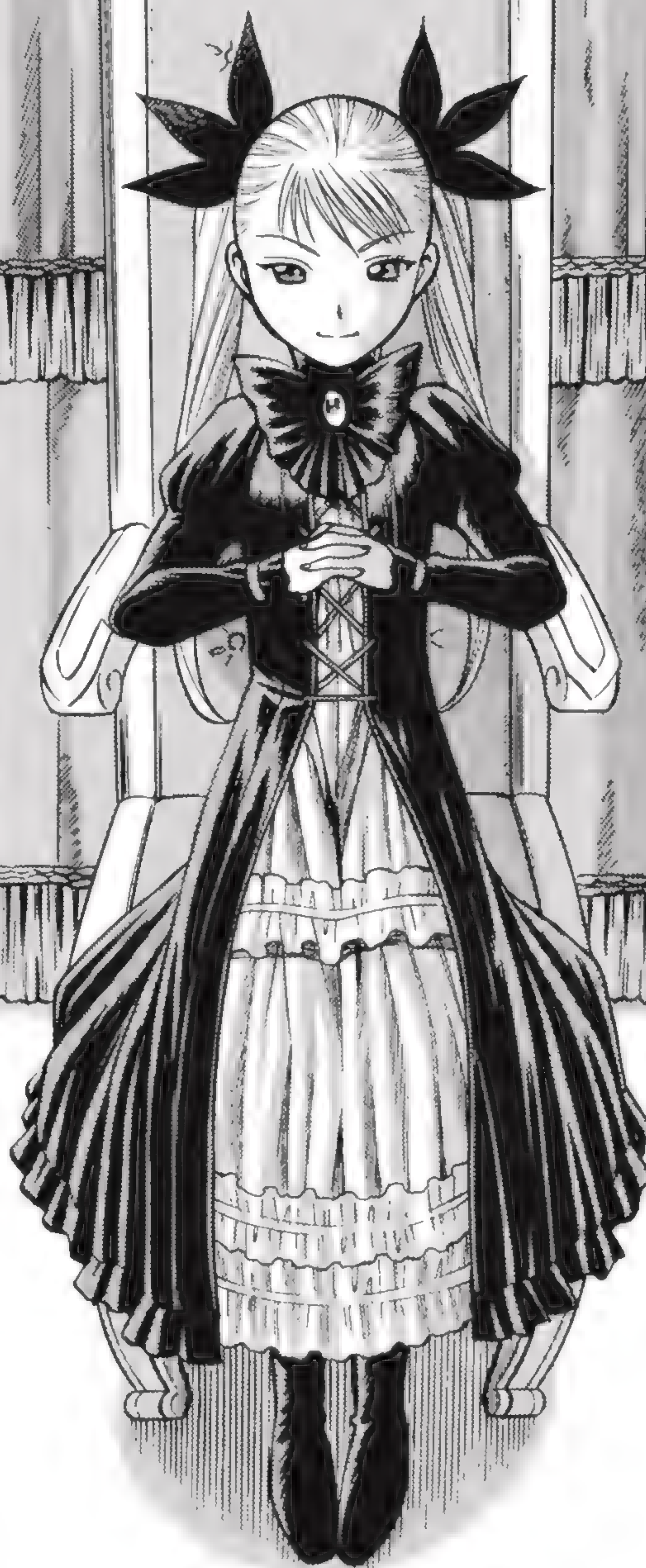








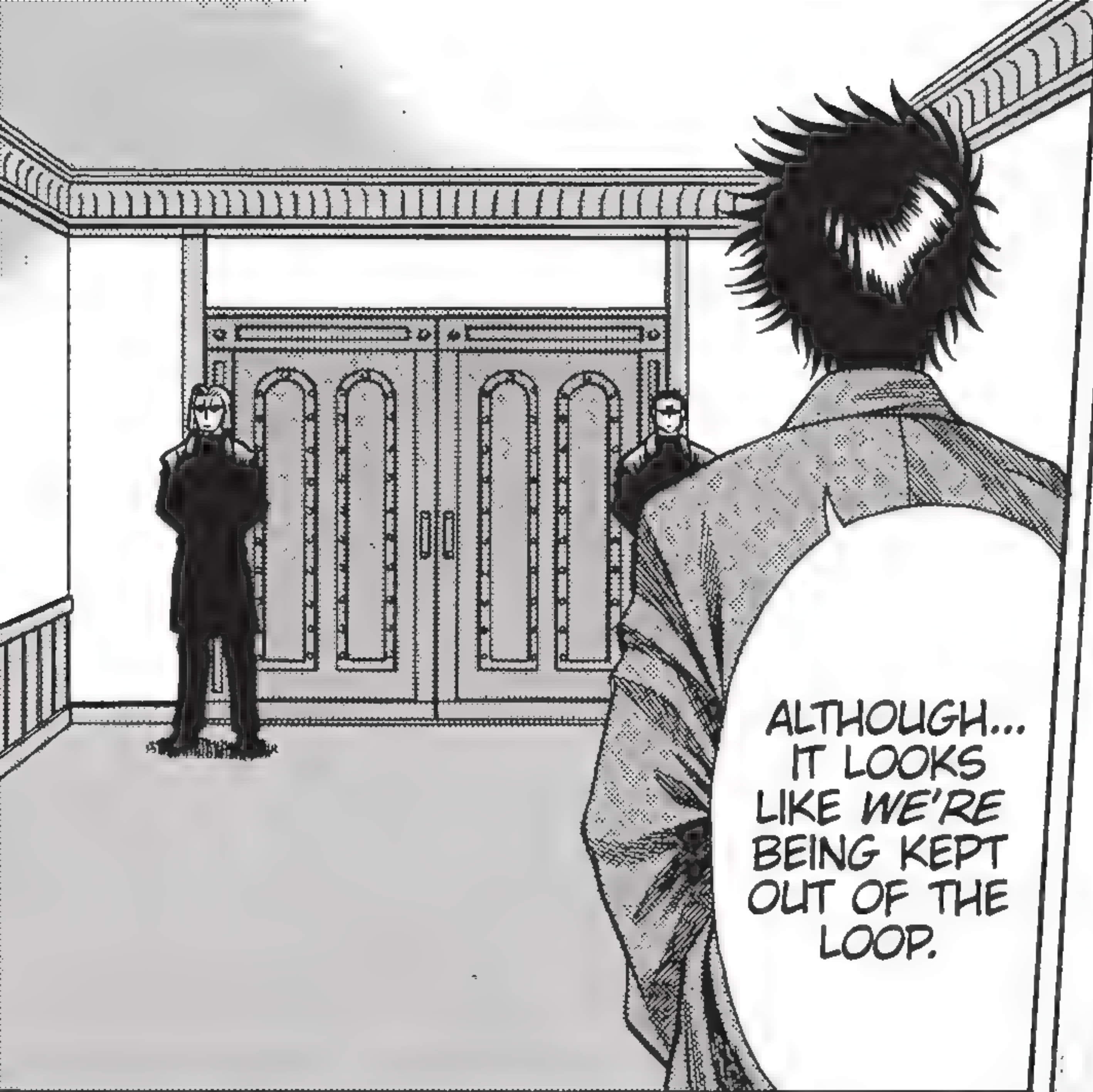
## Chapter 4: Interview with a Vampire



I PROMISE  
TO ANSWER  
ANY AND ALL  
QUESTIONS  
ASKED TO  
THE BEST OF  
MY ABILITY.

SO,  
PLEASE,  
LET US  
BEGIN.





ALTHOUGH...  
IT LOOKS  
LIKE WE'RE  
BEING KEPT  
OUT OF THE  
LOOP.



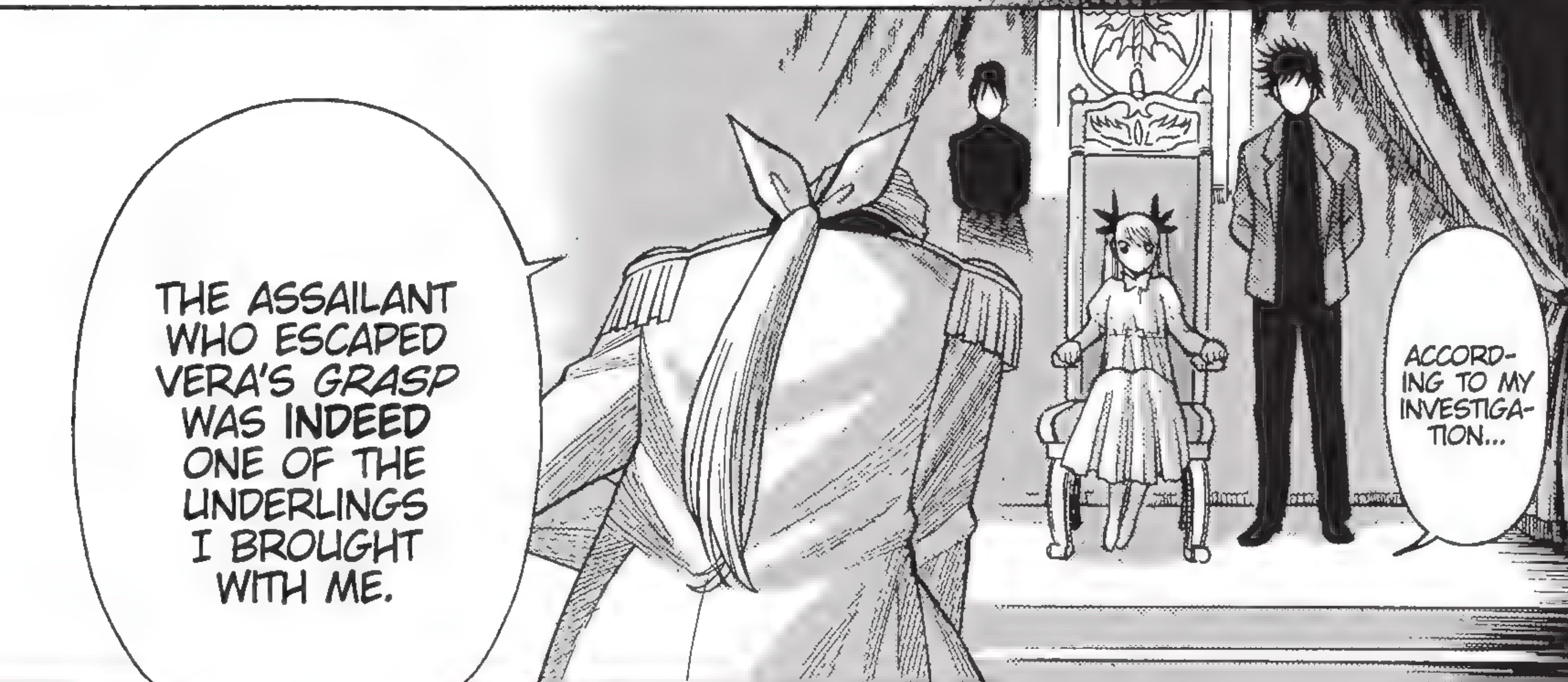
YES.

IT'S  
STARTED.



YES, I  
THOUGHT  
THAT I COULD  
AT LEAST  
NAIL LORD  
DERMAILLE  
FOR WHAT  
HAPPENED  
THE OTHER  
DAY...

BUT I  
UNDER-  
ESTI-  
MATED  
HIM.



THE ASSAILANT  
WHO ESCAPED  
VERA'S GRASP  
WAS INDEED  
ONE OF THE  
UNDERLINGS  
I BROUGHT  
WITH ME.

ACCORD-  
ING TO MY  
INVESTIGA-  
TION...

3 DAYS  
AGO...





PRE-  
CISELY.

SO YOU'RE  
SAYING  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW  
WHO HE  
IS?



AND AS  
OF YET, WE  
STILL DO  
NOT HAVE  
A CLEAR  
IDEA AS  
TO HIS  
IDENTITY.

HOWEVER,  
HE WAS  
A LAST-  
MINUTE  
FILL-IN...  
WHAT YOU  
WOULD  
CALL  
"FRESHLY  
MADE."



INDEED,  
I DO!

DO YOU  
THINK  
THAT A  
LAME  
EXCUSE  
LIKE THIS  
WILL--?!



WHAT ELSE  
WOULD YOU  
DO WITH  
A BUNCH  
OF PLASTIC  
EXPLO-  
SIVES?



IT  
WAS  
C-4.



WHILE IT IS  
TRUE THAT  
ALLOWING A  
PERSON OF  
UNCLEAR  
ORIGINS TO  
SERVE NEAR  
HER ROYAL  
HIGHNESS  
WAS A  
MISTAKE OF  
MINE...

BUT IS IT  
NOT SHORT-  
SIGHTED OF  
YOU TO TURN  
AROUND AND  
TAKE THAT  
AS A SIGN  
THAT I WILL  
BETRAY HER  
HIGHNESS?





QUIT  
SPOUTING  
NONSENSE,  
YOU LITTLE  
BRAT!

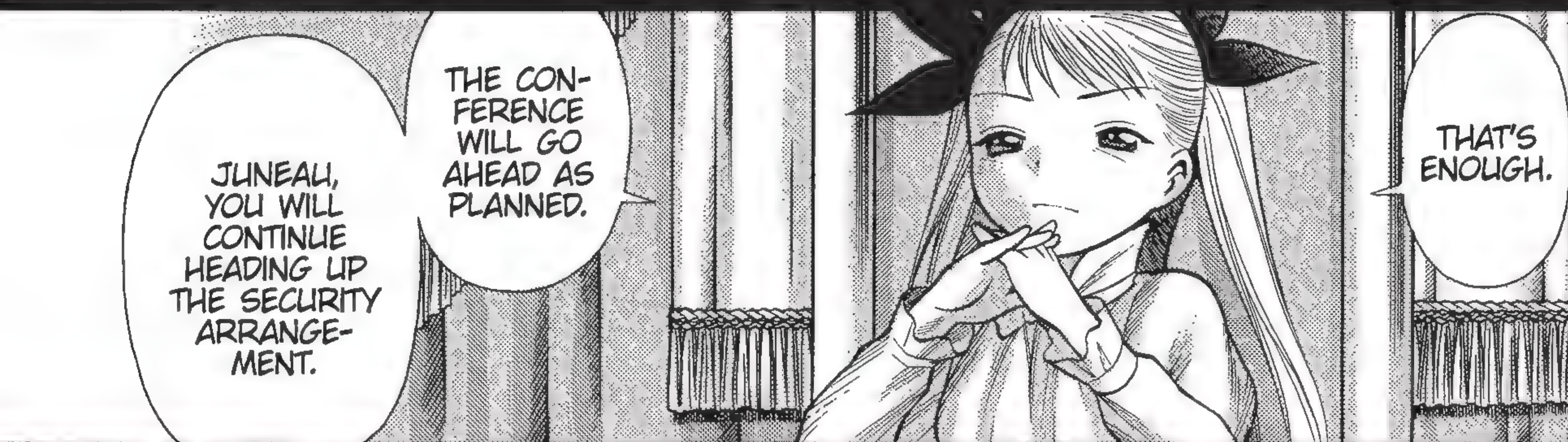
UNDER-  
STOOD?!  
NOT A  
SINGLE  
ONE!!

NOT ONE  
VAMPIRE  
WOULD WISH  
TO DO HER  
HIGHNESS  
ANY HARM!!



IT'S NOT  
LIKE YOU  
ACTUALLY  
SAW THE  
EXPLO-  
SIVES!

WHAT  
PROOF  
DOES  
YOUR  
"NOSE"  
CONSTITUTE?!



JUNEAU,  
YOU WILL  
CONTINUE  
HEADING UP  
THE SECURITY  
ARRANGE-  
MENT.

THE CON-  
FERENCE  
WILL GO  
AHEAD AS  
PLANNED.

THAT'S  
ENOUGH.



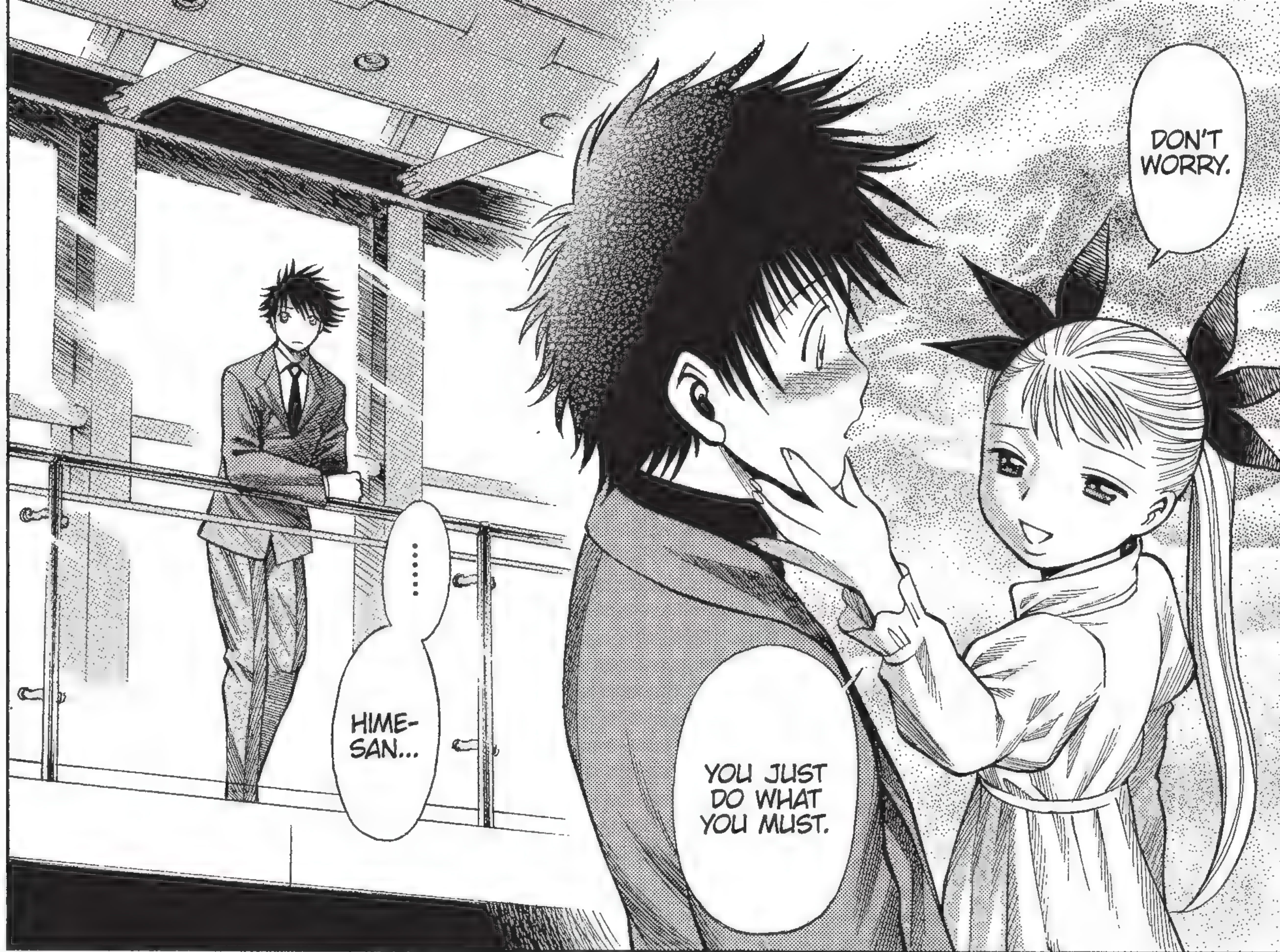
I  
KNOW  
WHAT  
I'M  
DOING.

DON'T  
YOU GET  
IT?!  
HE'S--

AS  
YOU  
WISH.

HIME-  
SAN!!

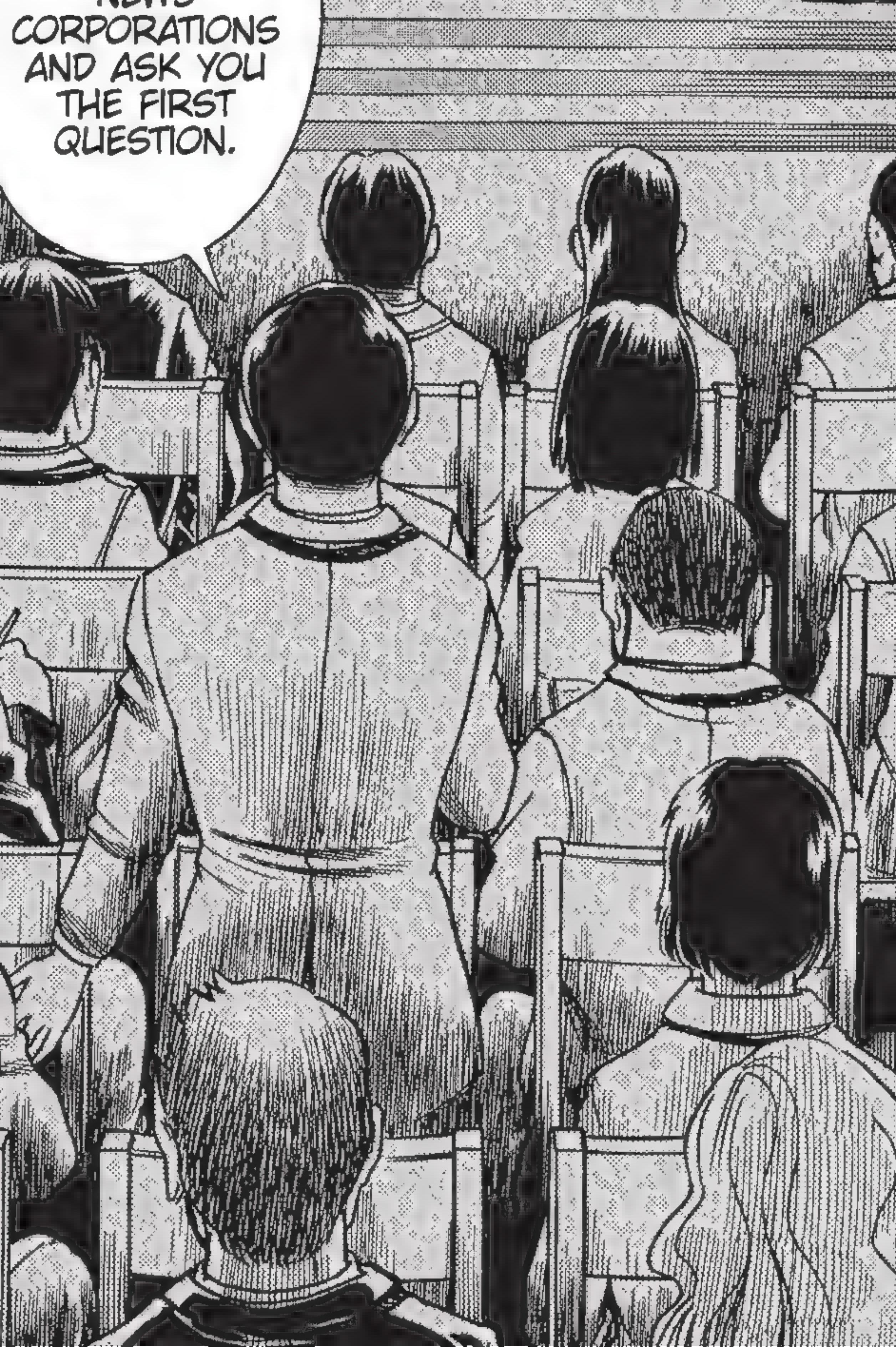
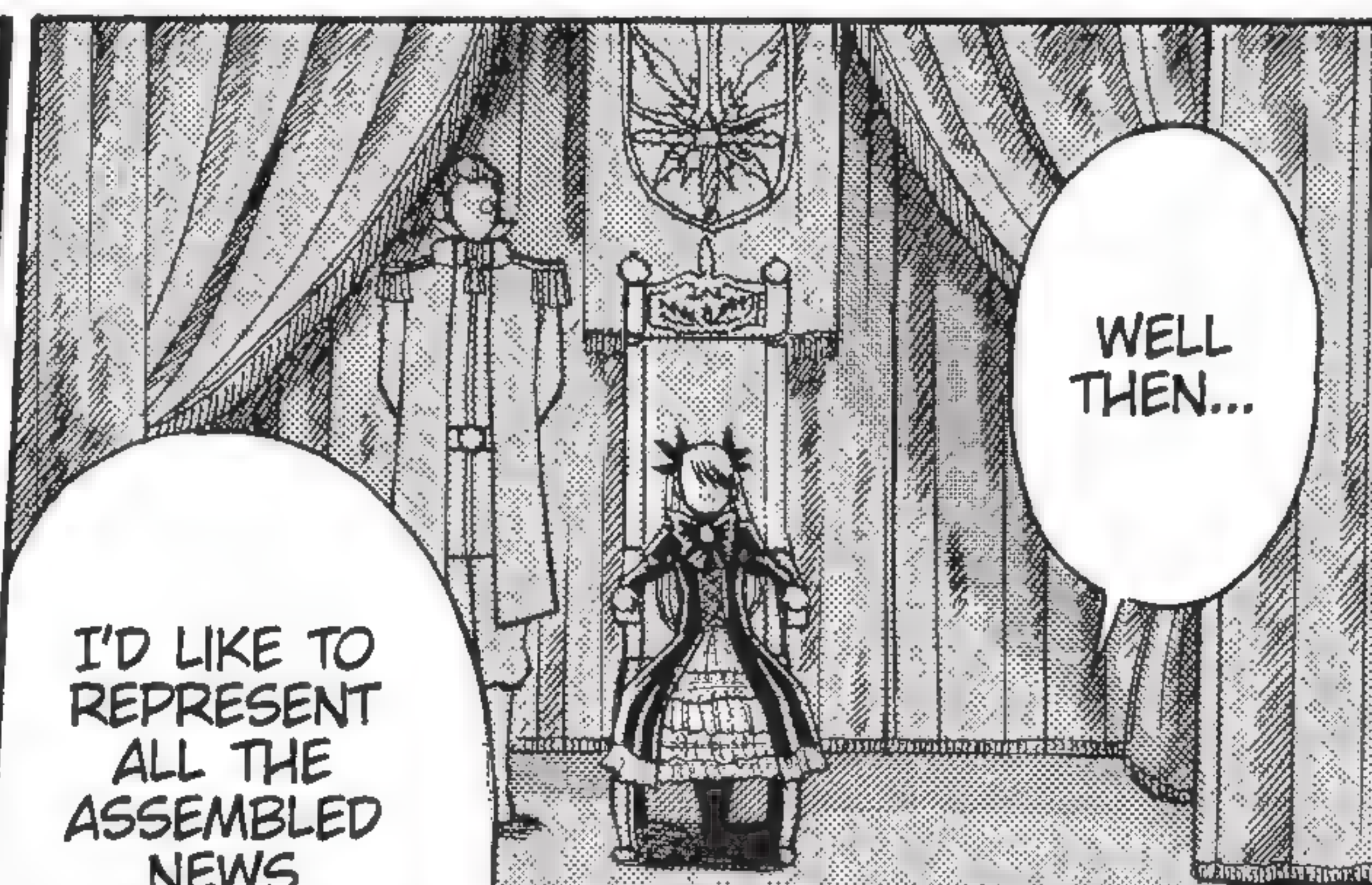
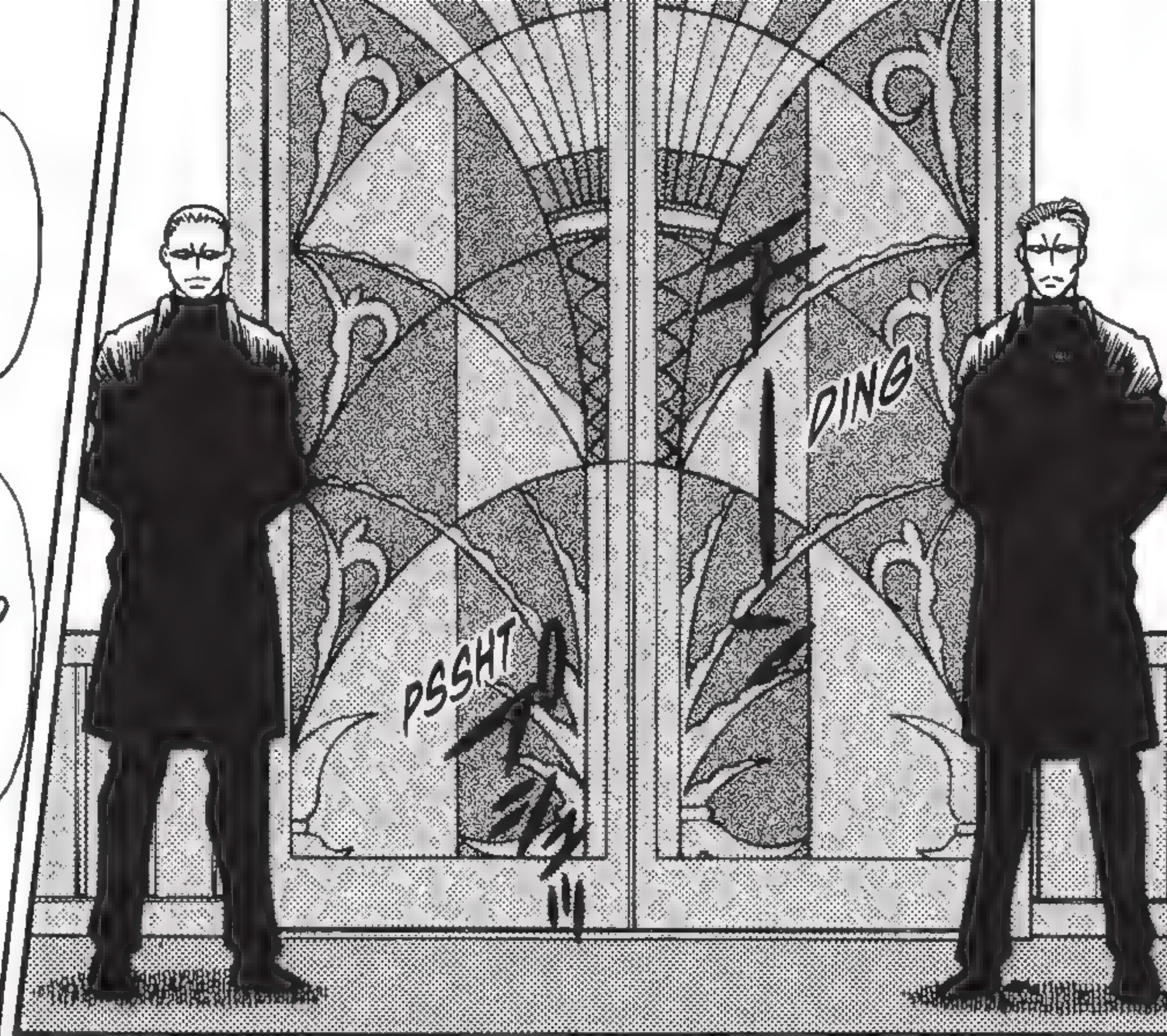










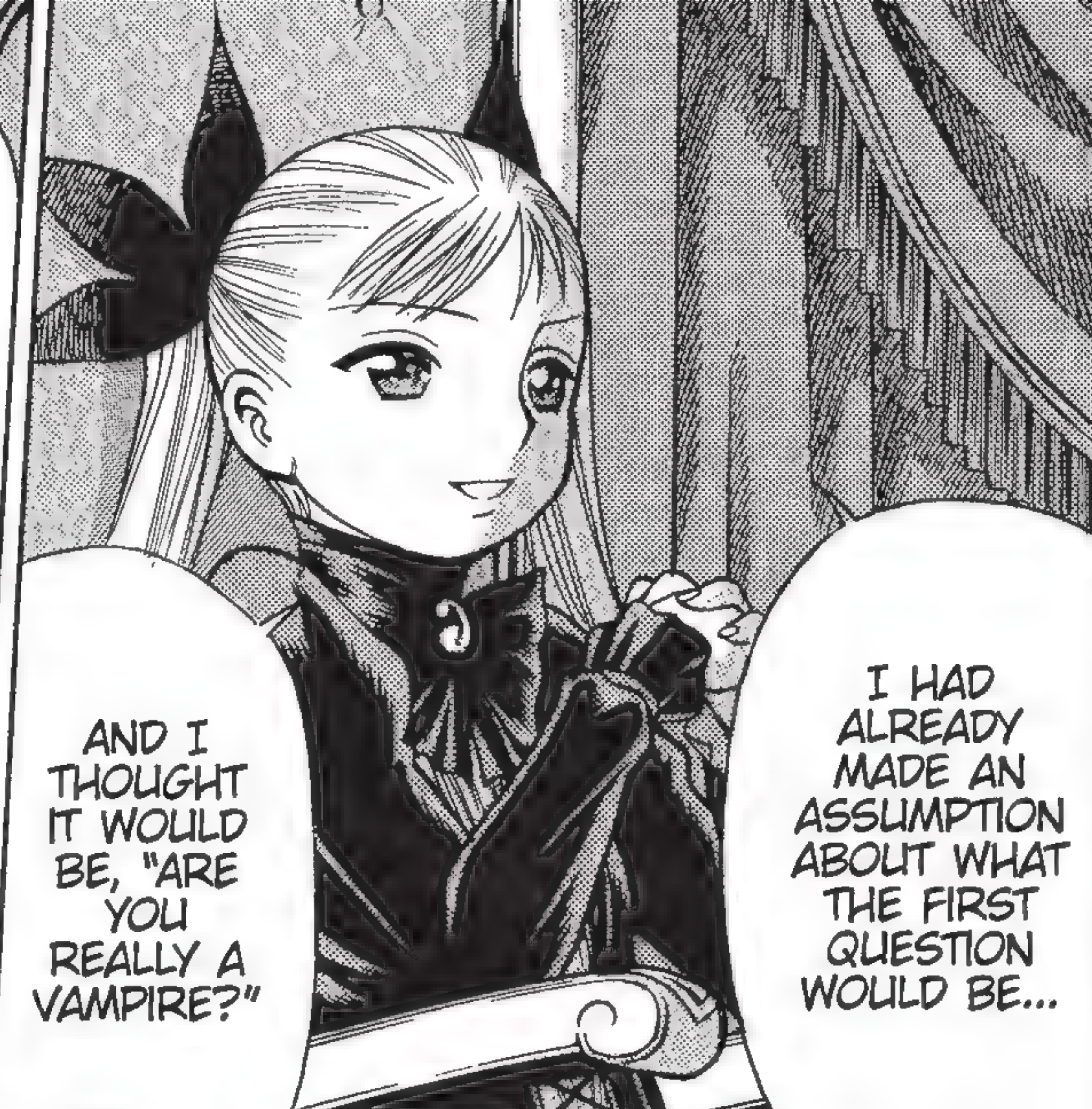






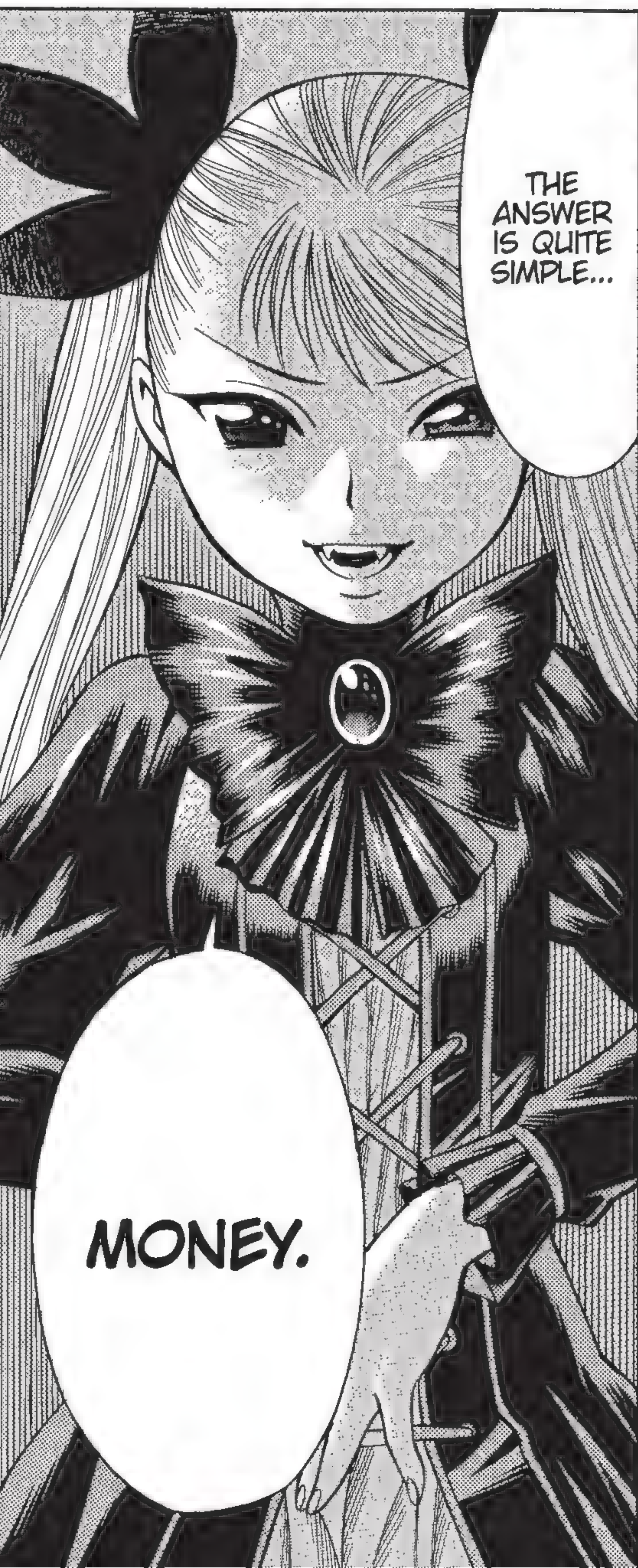
I GUESS  
YOU DON'T  
SEE ANY  
POINT IN  
ASKING...

AS YOU  
AREN'T  
GOING TO  
BELIEVE  
ANYTHING I  
SAY, EITHER  
WAY.



AND I  
THOUGHT  
IT WOULD  
BE, "ARE  
YOU  
REALLY A  
VAMPIRE?"

I HAD  
ALREADY  
MADE AN  
ASSUMPTION  
ABOUT WHAT  
THE FIRST  
QUESTION  
WOULD BE...



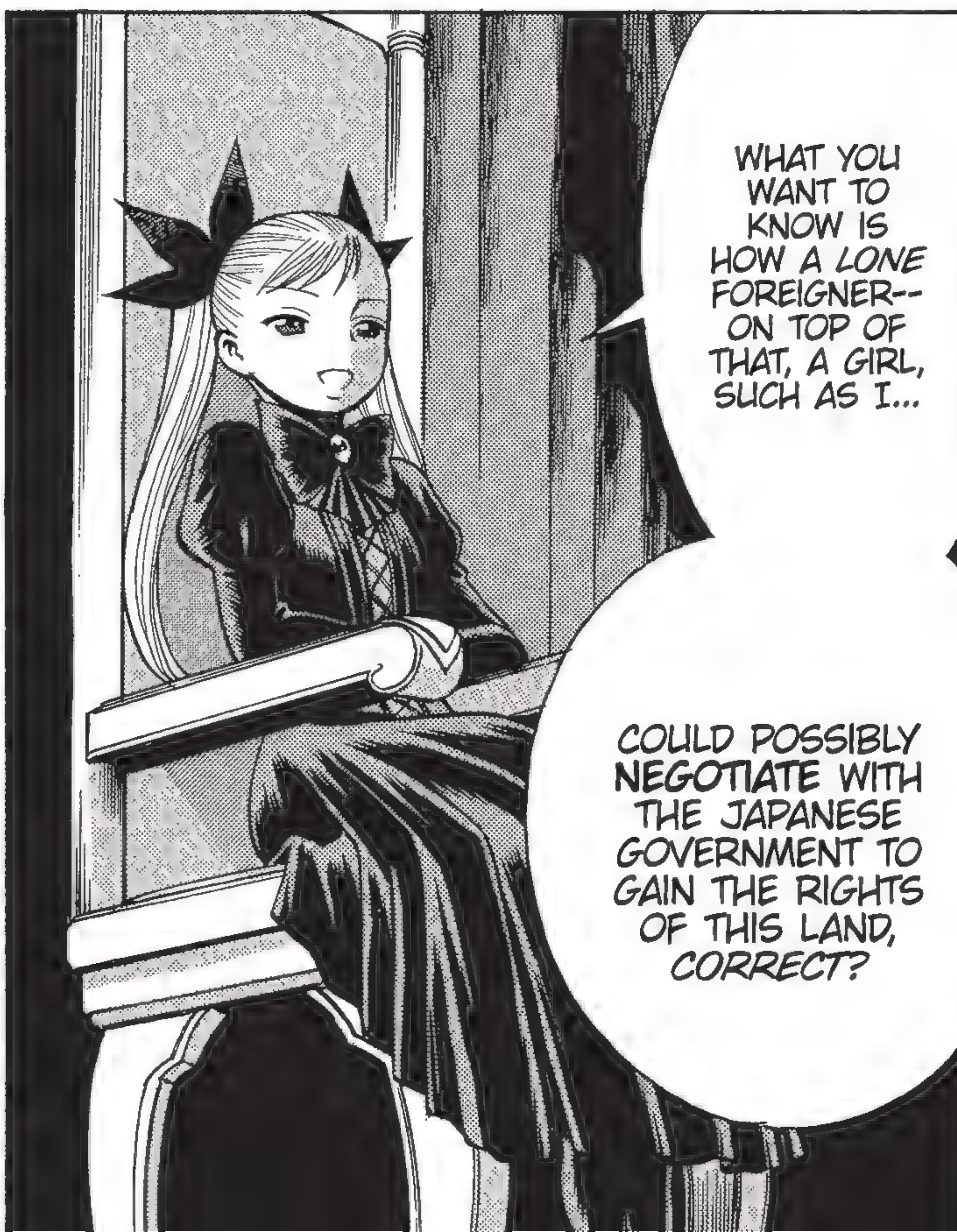
THE  
ANSWER  
IS QUITE  
SIMPLE...

**MONEY.**



I  
WOULD BE  
ASKING THE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR YOU  
TO ACTUALLY  
BELIEVE  
THAT  
CLAIM.

WELL, I  
SUPPOSE  
IT'S NOT  
YOUR  
FAULT.



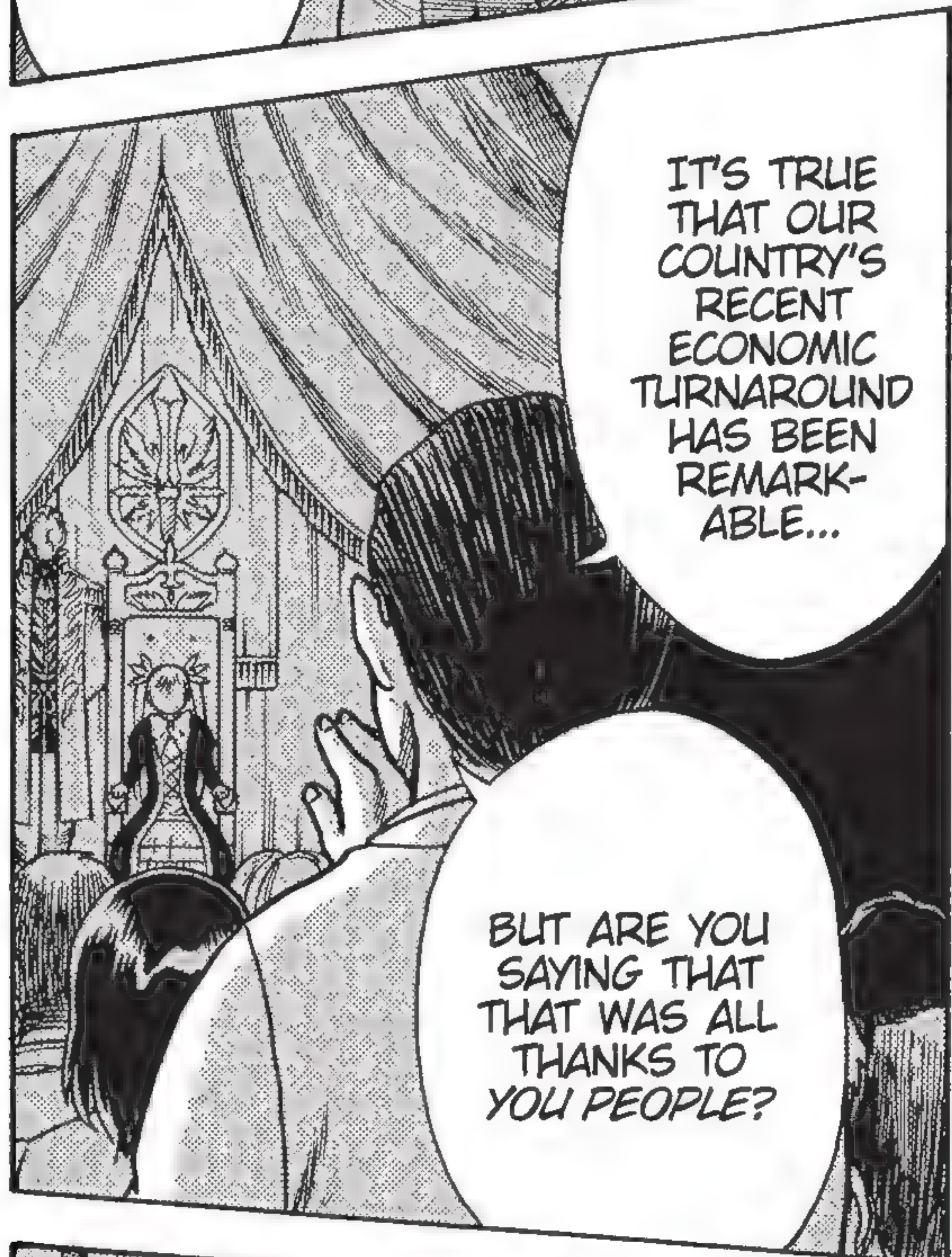
WHAT YOU  
WANT TO  
KNOW IS  
HOW A LONE  
FOREIGNER--  
ON TOP OF  
THAT, A GIRL,  
SUCH AS I...

COULD POSSIBLY  
NEGOTIATE WITH  
THE JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT TO  
GAIN THE RIGHTS  
OF THIS LAND,  
CORRECT?



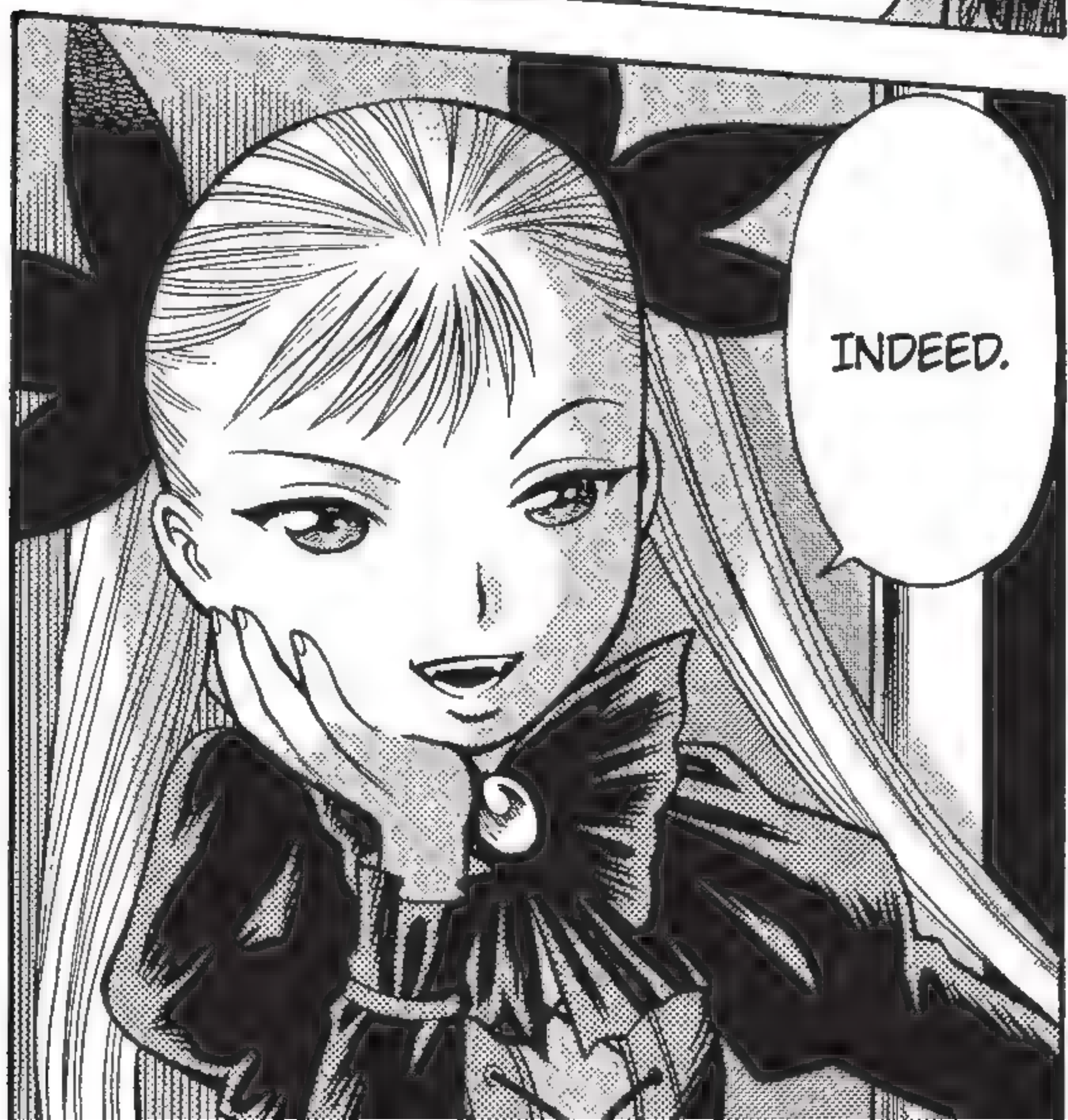


WAIT...  
WAIT A  
MINUTE!



IT'S TRUE  
THAT OUR  
COUNTRY'S  
RECENT  
ECONOMIC  
TURNAROUND  
HAS BEEN  
REMARK-  
ABLE...

BUT ARE YOU  
SAYING THAT  
THAT WAS ALL  
THANKS TO  
YOU PEOPLE?



INDEED.



AS A  
RESULT OF  
THE ECONOMIC  
BLUNDERS  
OF THE PREVIOUS  
GOVERNMENT, YOUR  
COUNTRY'S BUDGET  
DEFICIT HAS  
BALLOONED TO  
1,000 TRILLION YEN  
OR \$8.2 TRILLION  
U.S. DOLLARS.

WE SIMPLY  
PAID OFF  
THAT ENTIRE  
SUM.

ADDITIONALLY,  
BY RELOCATING  
SEVERAL OF OUR  
CORPORATIONS  
HERE...

WE CREATED  
POTENTIAL FOR A  
HUGE TAX REVENUE  
WINDFALL FOR THE  
FEDERAL AND STATE  
GOVERNMENTS. THAT  
IS WHAT WE PAID  
TO LEASE THIS  
TERRITORY.

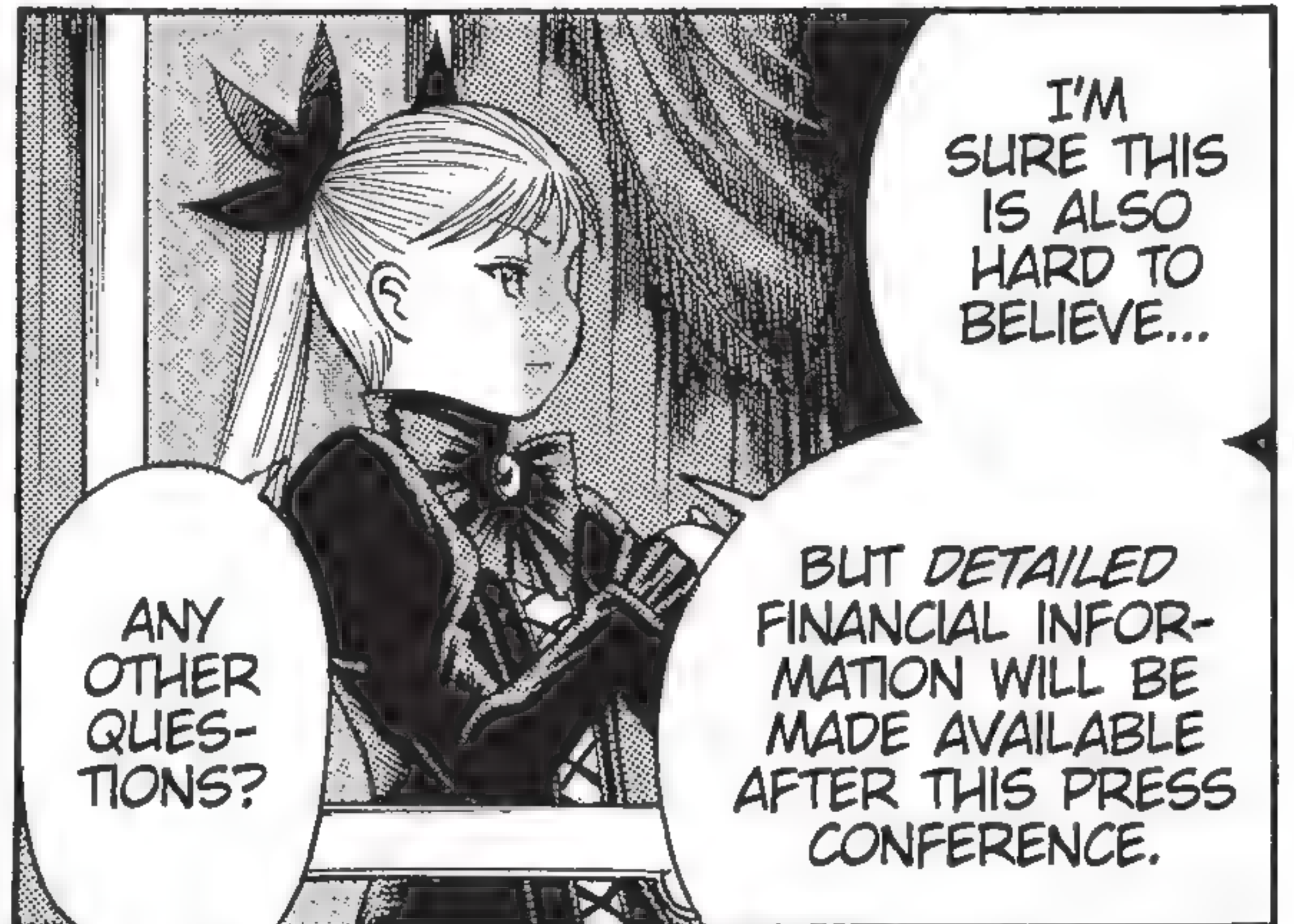




LIM...  
YES...

WOULD THAT BE  
SIMILAR TO  
PREVIOUS  
ARRANGE-  
MENTS SUCH  
AS IN HONG  
KONG OR  
MACAU...?

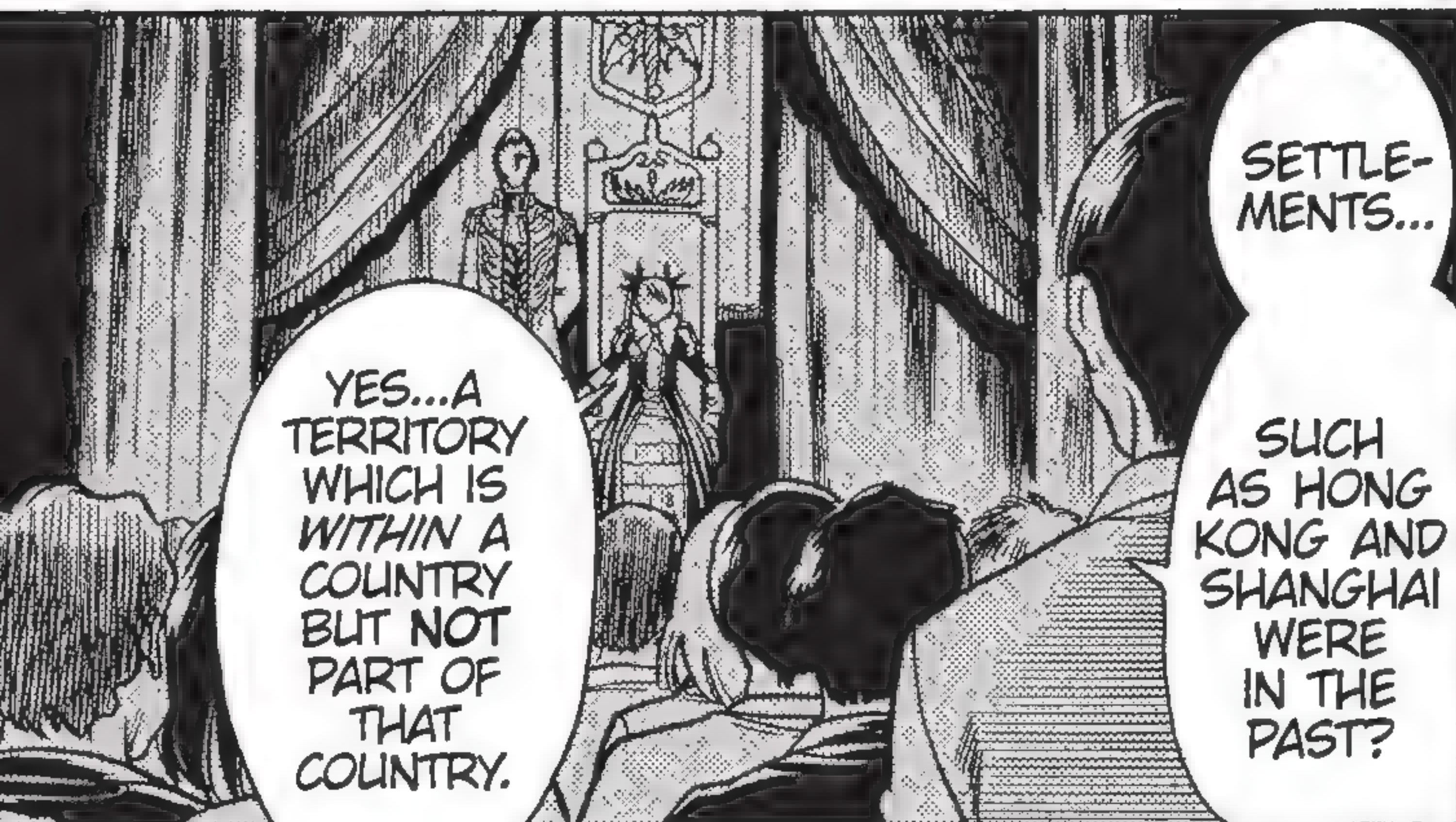
YOU JUST  
MENTIONED  
LEASING  
THIS  
TERRITORY...



I'M  
SURE THIS  
IS ALSO  
HARD TO  
BELIEVE...

ANY  
OTHER  
QUES-  
TIONS?

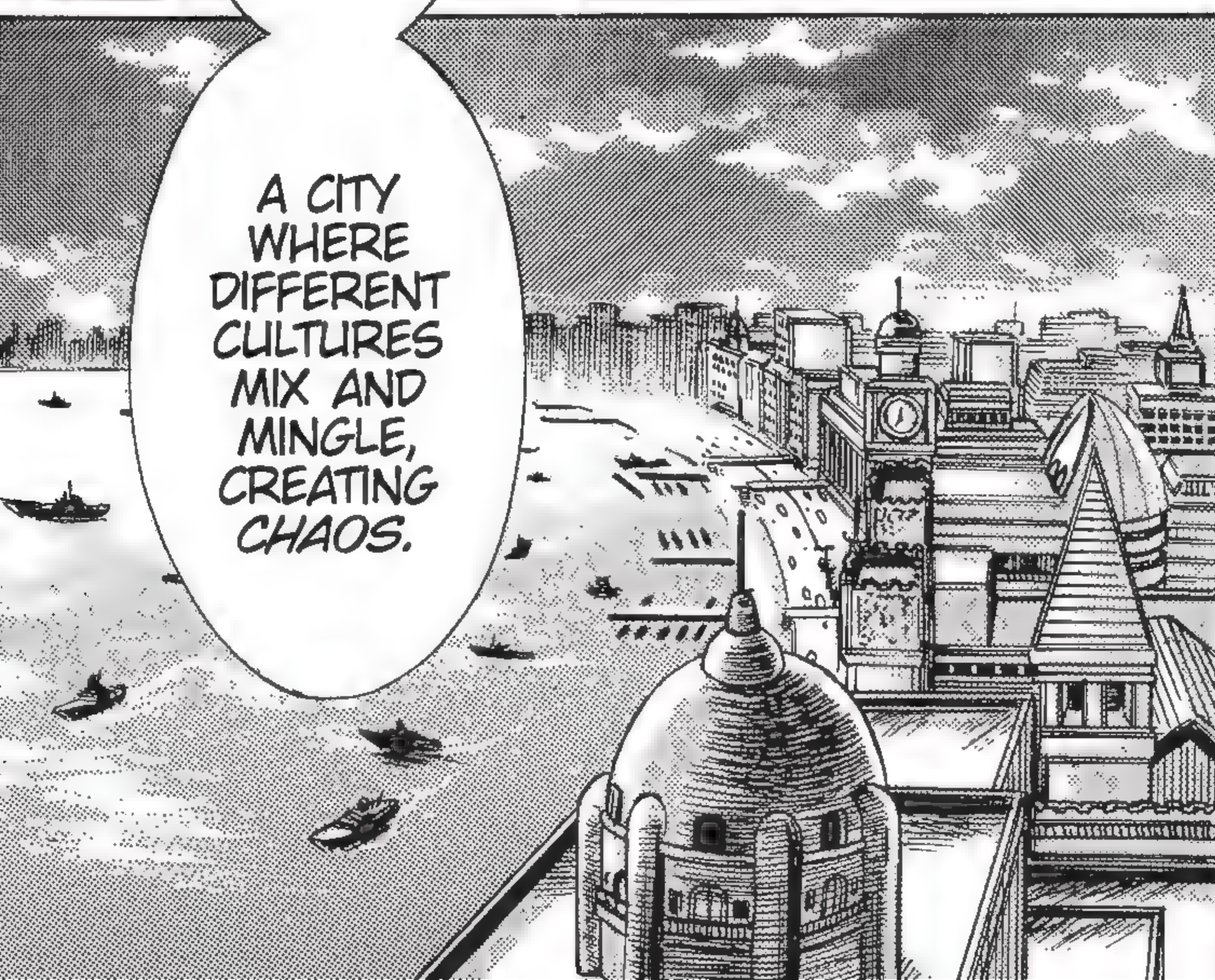
BUT DETAILED  
FINANCIAL INFOR-  
MATION WILL BE  
MADE AVAILABLE  
AFTER THIS PRESS  
CONFERENCE.



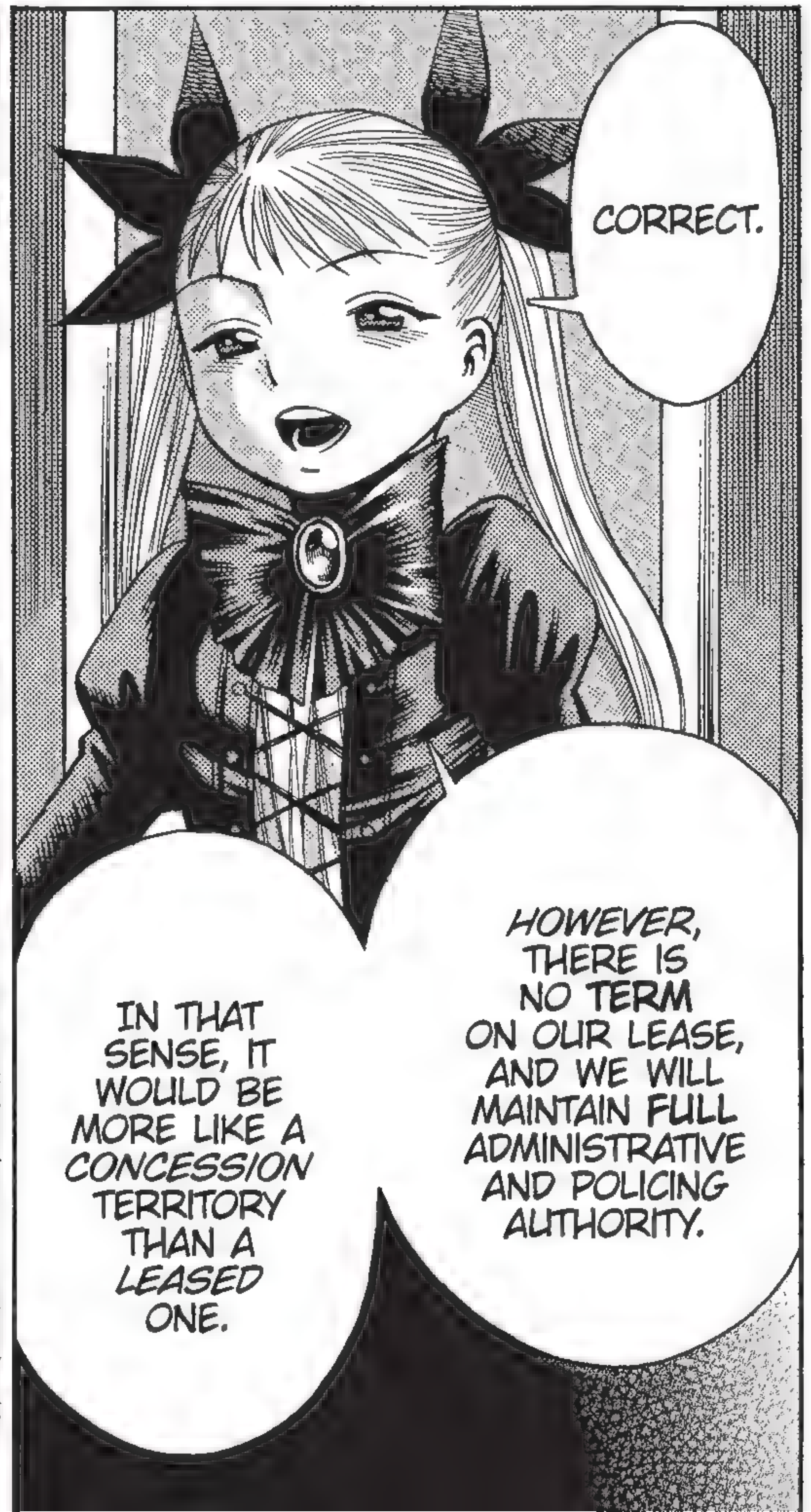
SETTLE-  
MENTS...

YES...A  
TERRITORY  
WHICH IS  
WITHIN A  
COUNTRY  
BUT NOT  
PART OF  
THAT  
COUNTRY.

SUCH  
AS HONG  
KONG AND  
SHANGHAI  
WERE  
IN THE  
PAST?



A CITY  
WHERE  
DIFFERENT  
CULTURES  
MIX AND  
MINGLE,  
CREATING  
CHAOS.



CORRECT.

IN THAT  
SENSE, IT  
WOULD BE  
MORE LIKE A  
CONCESSION  
TERRITORY  
THAN A  
LEASED  
ONE.

HOWEVER,  
THERE IS  
NO TERM  
ON OUR LEASE,  
AND WE WILL  
MAINTAIN FULL  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND POLICING  
AUTHORITY.





WHAT IS IT?  
WE'RE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF AN IMPOR-  
TANT...



CRACKLE

BZT

!



CRACKLE

OLD  
MAN!



JUST SHUT  
UP AND  
LISTEN  
TO ME!!

OLD...?!  
YOU!  
WHO DO  
YOU--



THIS LAND  
IS GOING  
TO GIVE  
BIRTH...

TO A  
VAMPIRE  
SETTLE-  
MENT.





DID YOU  
CHECK  
TO SEE  
WHETHER  
OR NOT  
THEY  
WERE  
**HUMAN**  
?!



OF COURSE  
WE DID! NOT  
ONLY DID WE  
CONDUCT  
BODY CHECKS,  
WE DID  
THOROUGH  
CHECKS OF  
ALL THEIR  
EQUIPMENT  
AS WELL!!

DID YOU  
CHECK  
ALL OF  
THE  
MEM-  
BERS  
OF THE  
PRESS  
?!



WHAT?



WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
THEY WOULD  
DO: GO  
AFTER HER  
HIGHNESS'S  
LIFE?

WHY  
WOULD  
I?!

SO WHAT  
IF THERE  
WAS A  
VAMPIRE  
IN THEIR  
MIDST?



AKIRA-  
SAN,  
WHAT'S  
WRONG  
?!



DAMN  
IT!



I SAID,  
DID YOU  
CHECK TO  
MAKE SURE  
THAT THERE  
WEREN'T ANY  
VAMPIRES  
MIXED IN  
WITH  
THEM?!





WELL,  
THEY  
WERE  
TURNED  
SOME-  
HOW!!

BUT  
WHEN WE  
CONDUCTED  
CHECKS UPON  
THEIR  
ARRIVAL ON  
THIS ISLAND,  
THEY WERE  
ALL  
HUMAN...!



I  
SMELLED  
IT!

SOMEBODY  
IN THE  
PRESS  
CORPS WAS  
WEARING  
LIGHT-  
BLOCKING  
GEL!



SOMEBODY  
ELSE TOOK  
OVER HIS  
WORK!!

WHOEVER  
HE IS, HE'S  
PROBABLY  
ALREADY  
DEAD!!



BUT WHY  
WOULD THEY  
NEED TO  
BECOME A  
VAMPIRE...?!



THEN  
WHERE  
WOULD  
YOU HIDE  
SOME-  
THING?!

YOU'RE A  
VAMPIRE  
TOO,  
AREN'T  
YOU?!







NO!  
THAT'S  
NOT  
IT!!

WHAT I'M  
SAYING IS  
THAT...



COME  
ON,  
SNAP  
OUT  
OF IT!!

YOU  
TOO,  
VERA-  
SAN?!



NO...  
IT  
CAN'T  
BE...

A  
VAMPIRE  
AFTER  
HIME-  
SAMA'S  
LIFE...?



FOR US  
VAMPIRES,  
HIME-SAMA'S  
DEATH IS  
LIKE THE  
DEATH  
OF OUR  
ENTIRE  
RACE...!



AKIRA,  
IT'S ME.

WE  
FOUND  
IT.



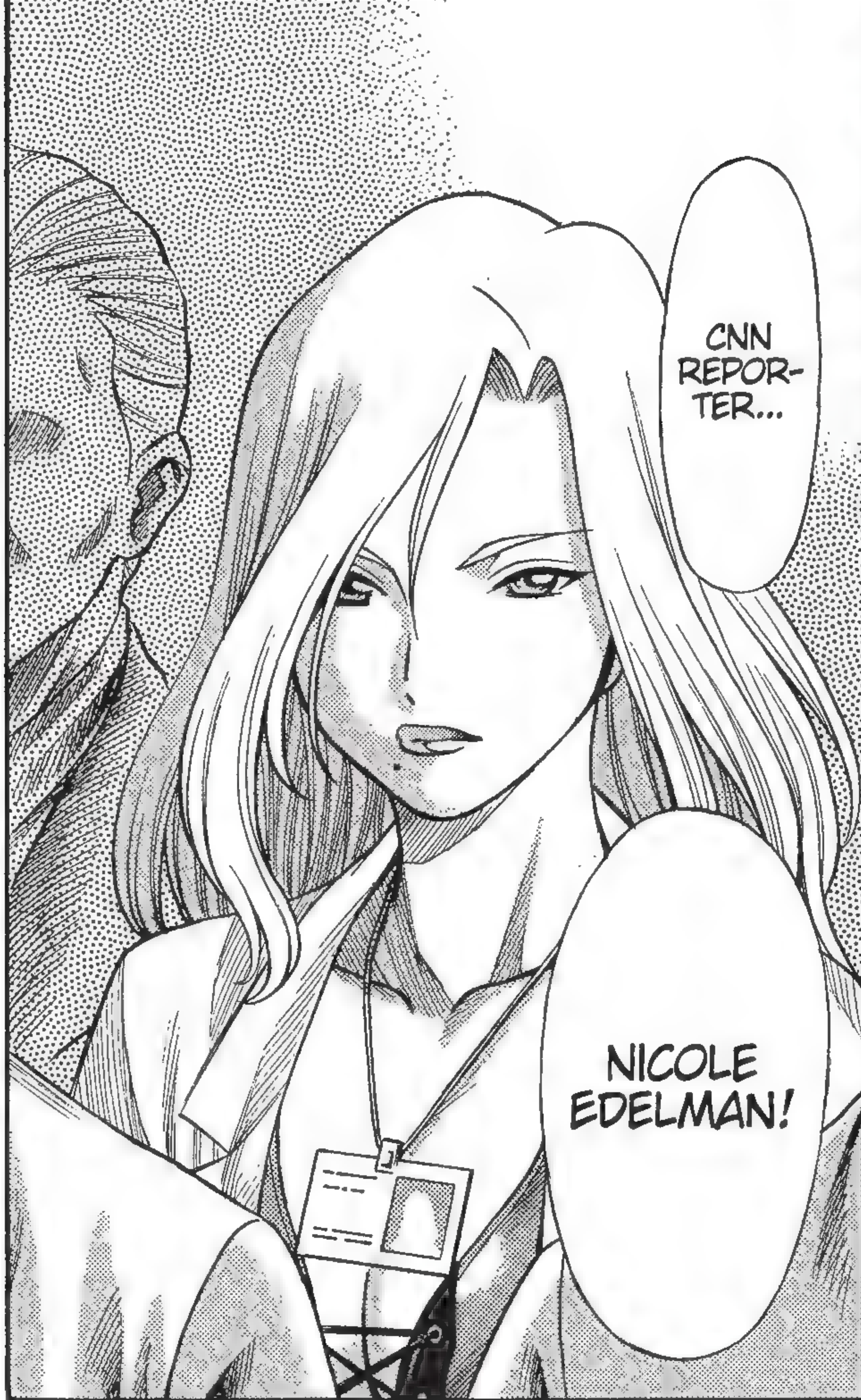
!



!

WHAT  
DOES  
THAT...





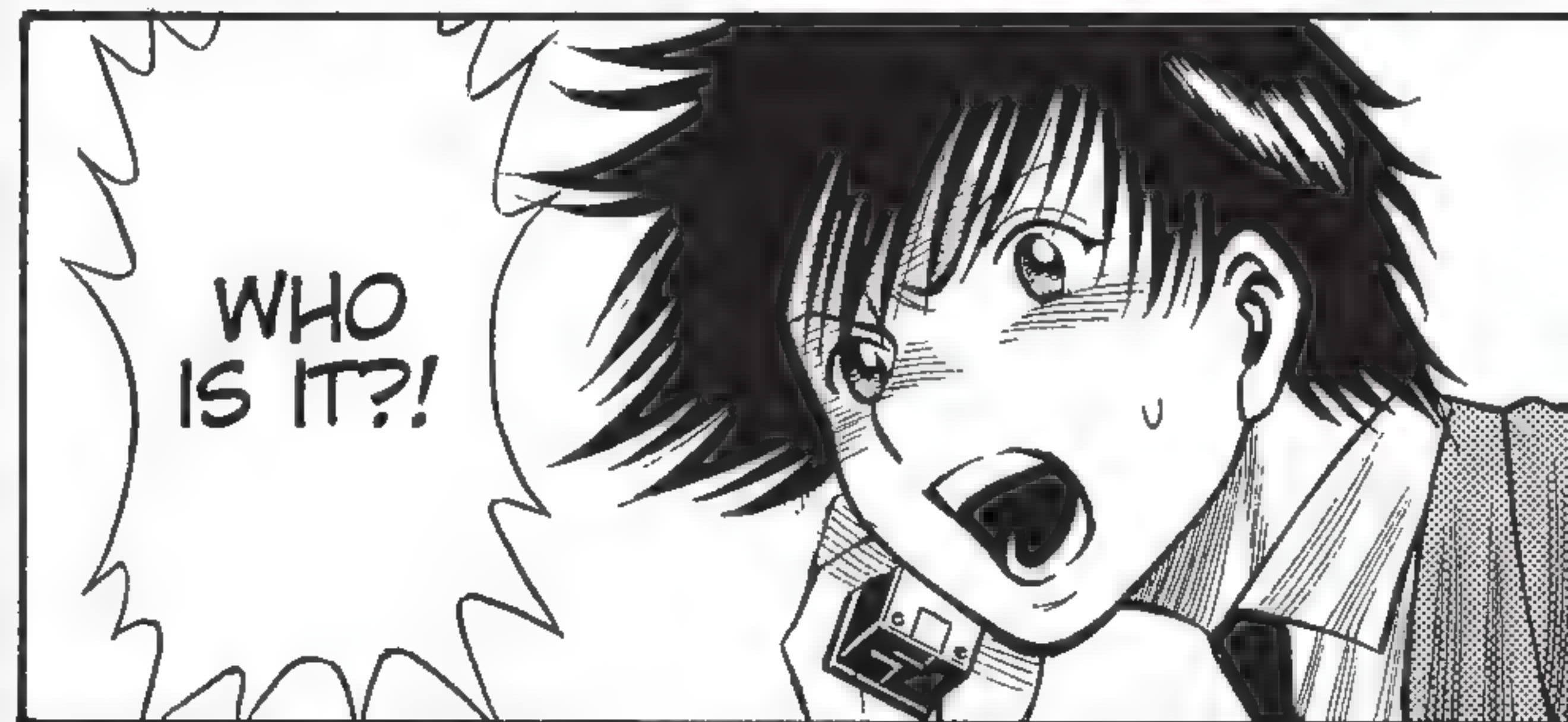
CNN  
REPORTER...

NICOLE  
EDELMAN!

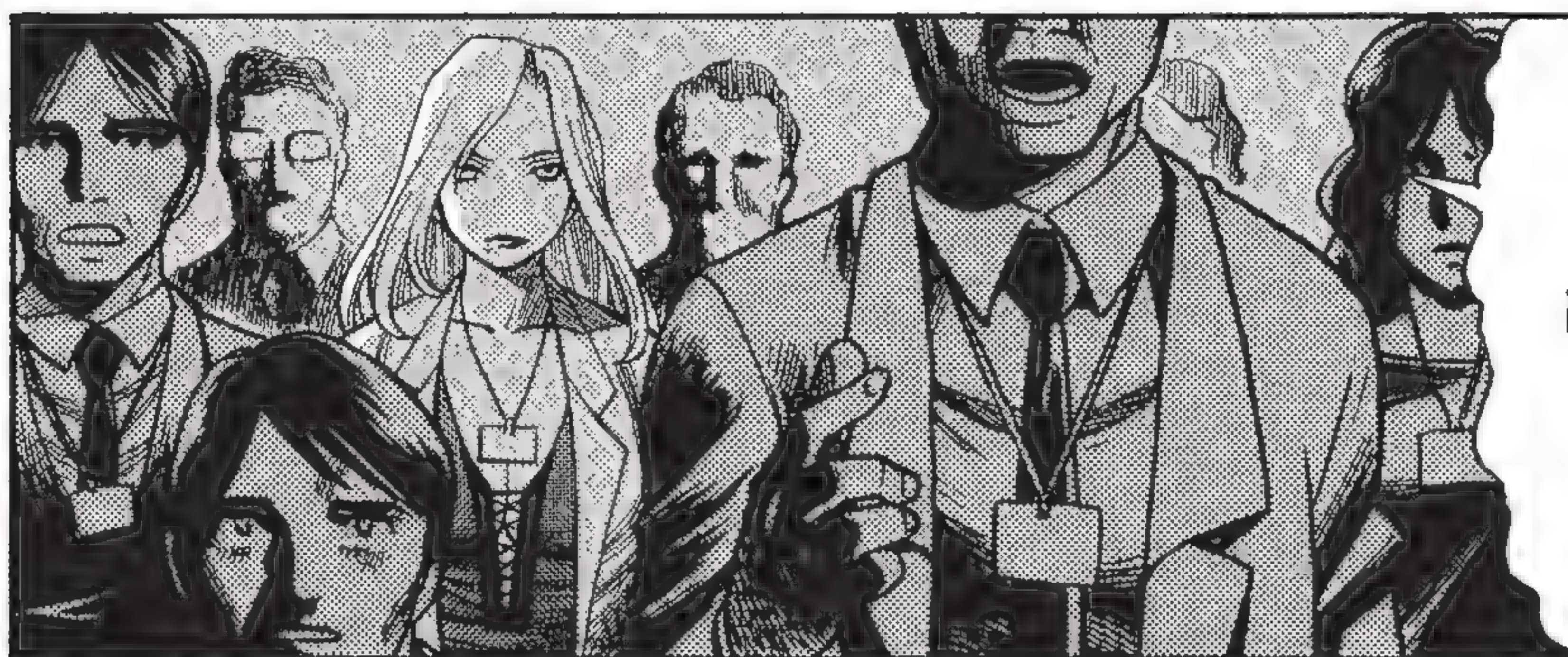


ALONG  
WITH  
WHAT  
LOOKS  
TO BE  
INTERNAL  
ORGANS  
THAT  
WERE  
REMOVED.

WE'VE HAD  
LARGE  
LUMINOL  
REACTIONS  
IN ONE OF  
THE PRESS  
CORPS  
MEMBER'S  
ROOMS...



WHO  
IS IT?!

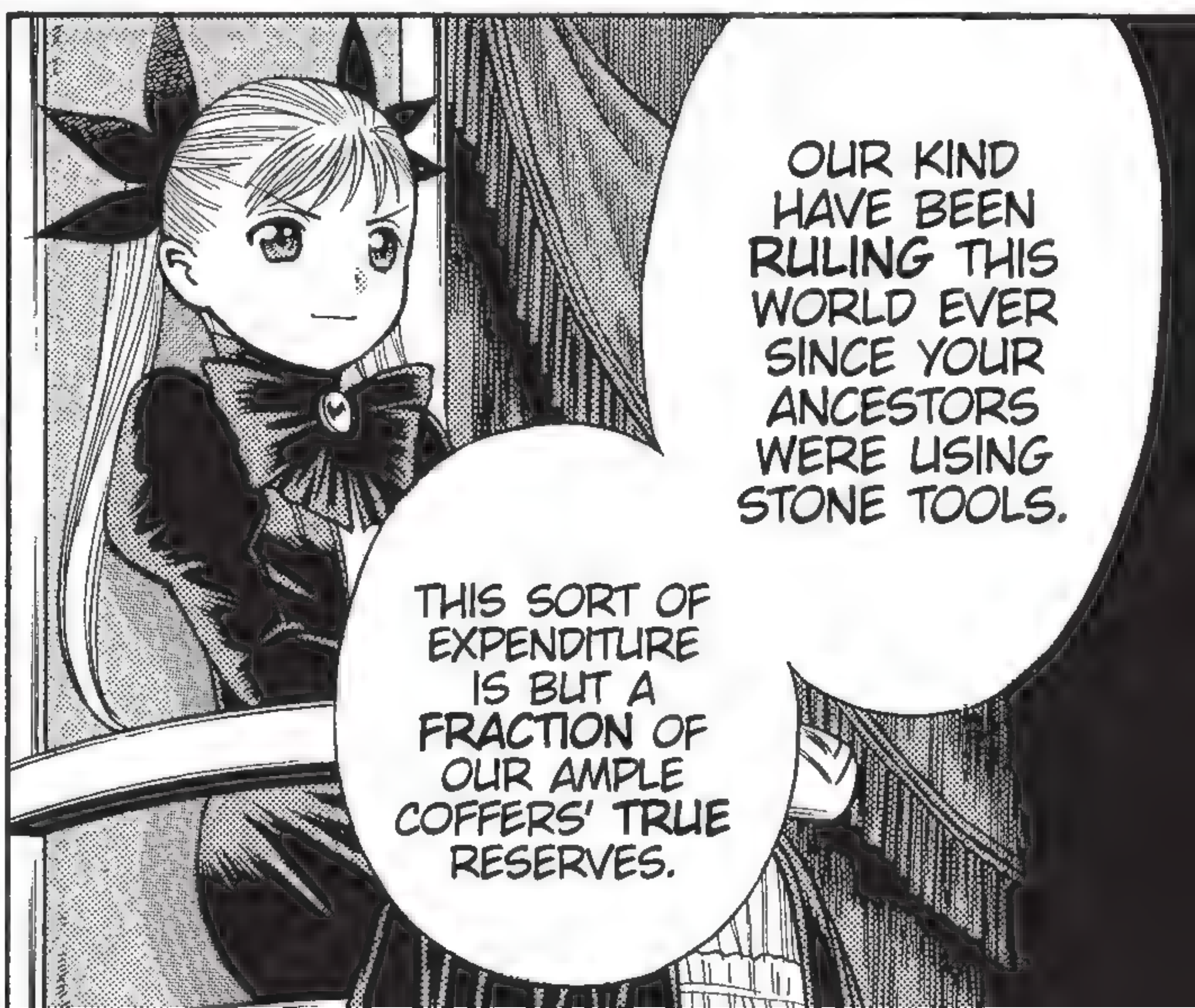


PARDON ME, BUT I  
CAN'T BELIEVE YOU  
WOULD HAVE THE  
FINANCIAL BACKING TO  
PAY OFF A 1,000  
TRILLION YEN DEBT!  
IT JUST SEEMS  
HIGHLY UNLIKELY!



YES, ALL  
OF THIS  
ASSUMES  
THAT YOU  
REALLY  
ARE A  
VAMPIRE!

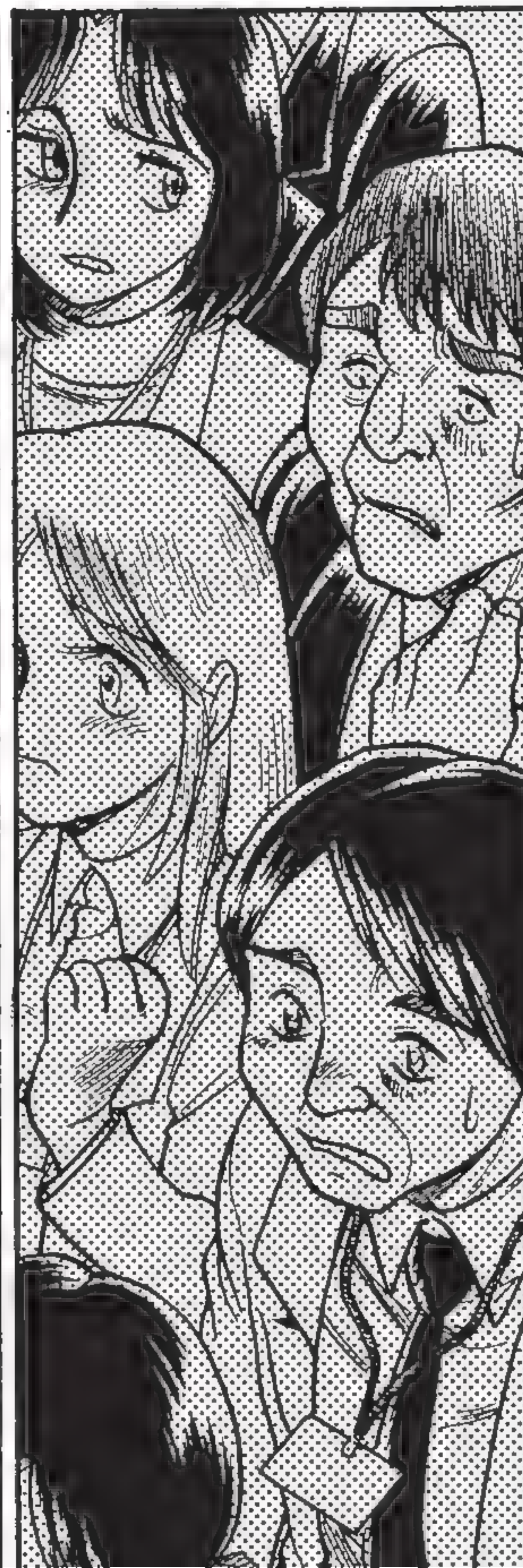
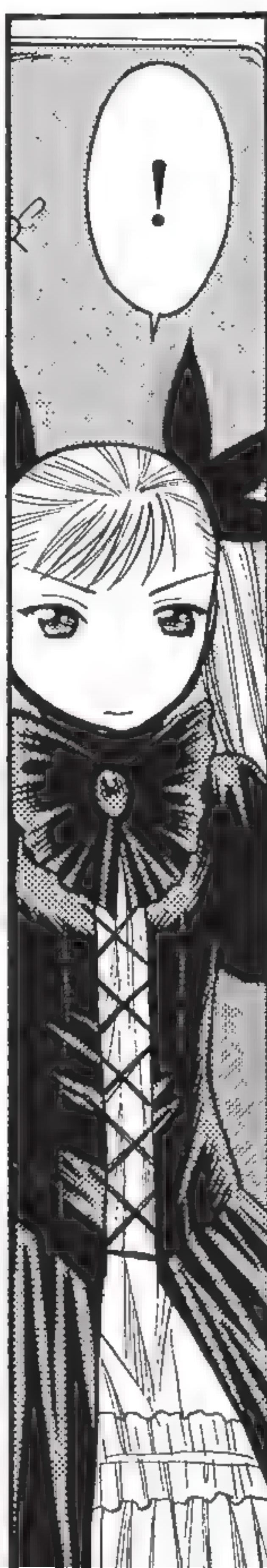
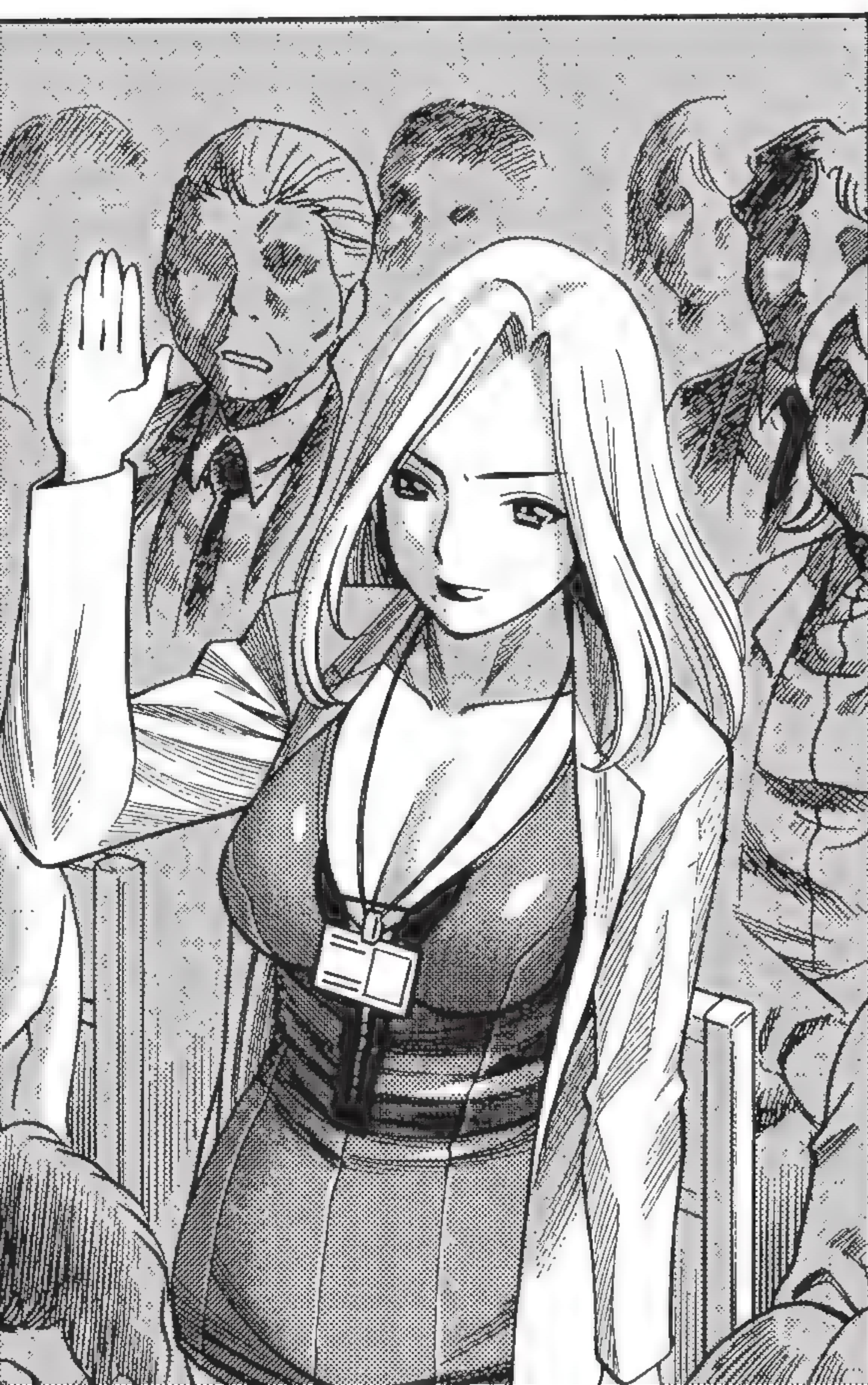
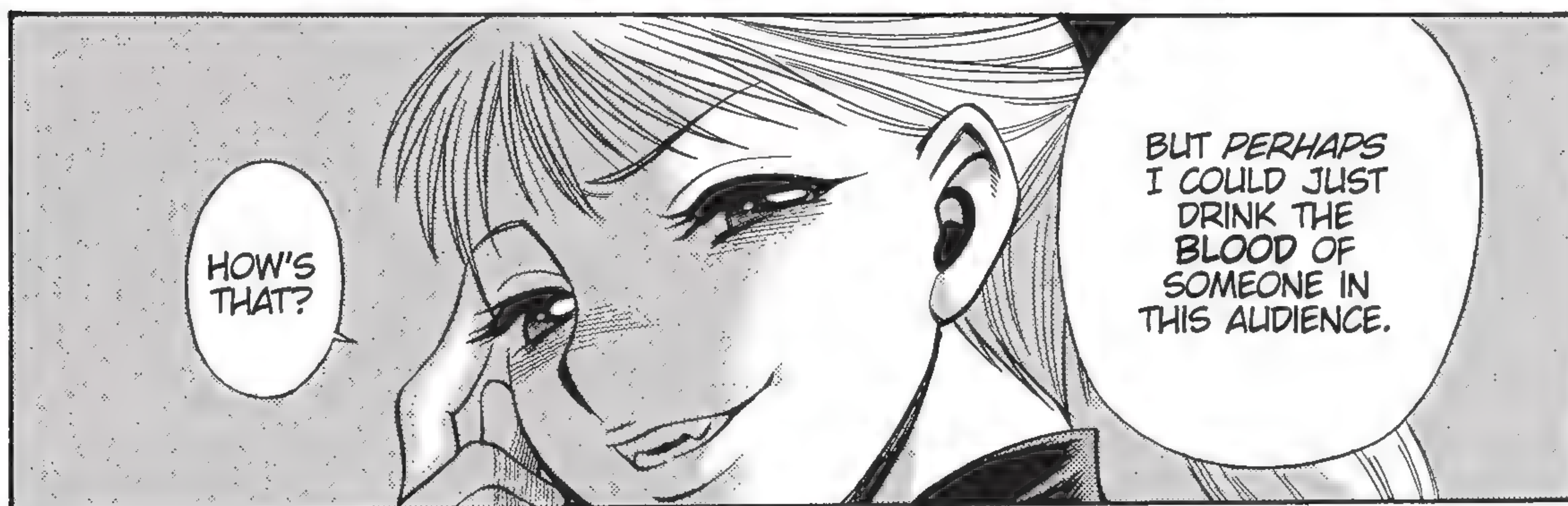
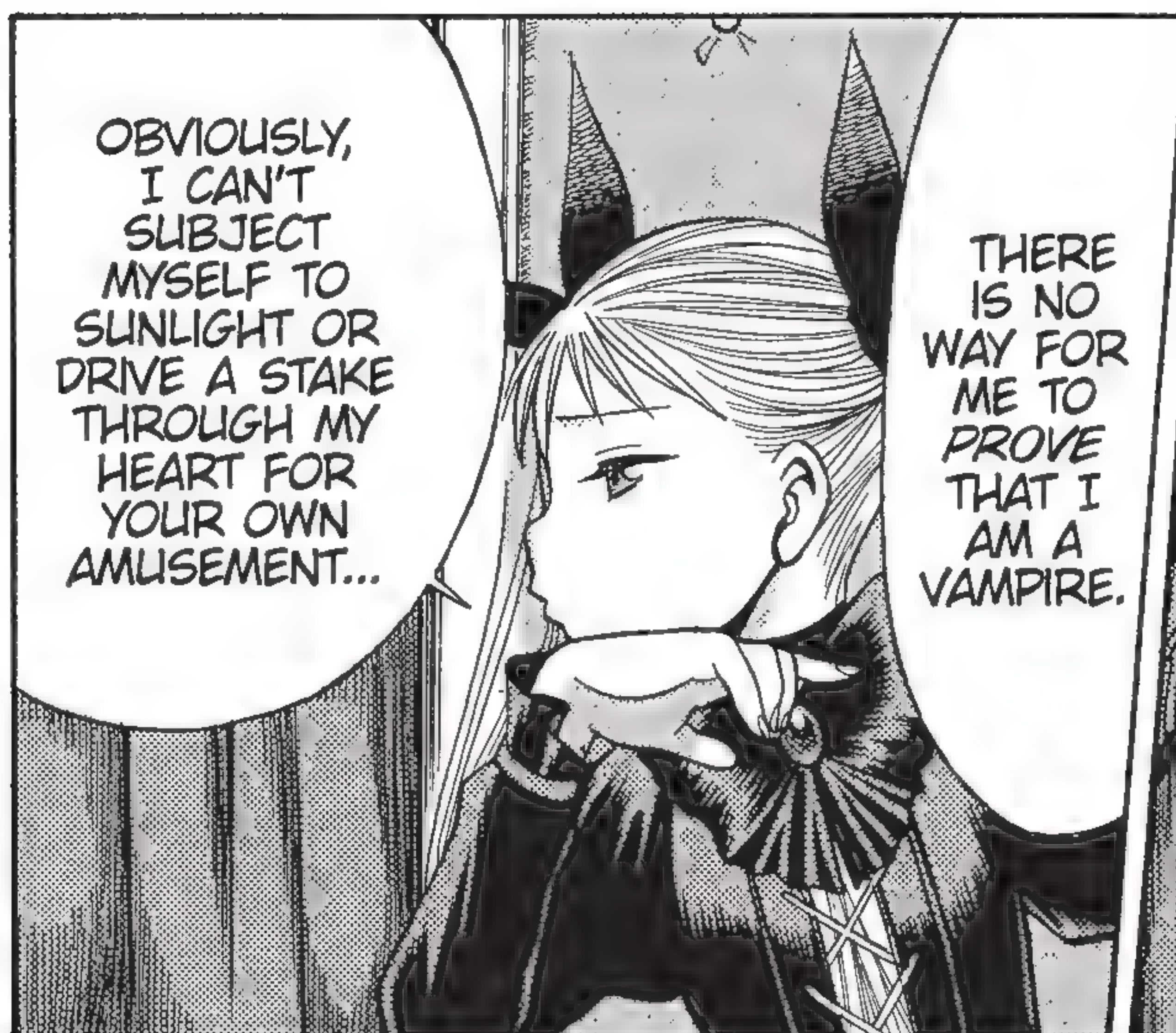
SO WE  
END UP  
BACK AT  
YOUR  
POINT...



OUR KIND  
HAVE BEEN  
RULING THIS  
WORLD EVER  
SINCE YOUR  
ANCESTORS  
WERE USING  
STONE TOOLS.

THIS SORT OF  
EXPENDITURE  
IS BUT A  
FRACTION OF  
OUR AMPLE  
COFFERS' TRUE  
RESERVES.










DON'T  
MAKE ME  
LAUGH!


HMPH.



IF YOU  
REALLY ARE  
THE RULER  
OF VAMPIRES,  
THEN OF  
COURSE.

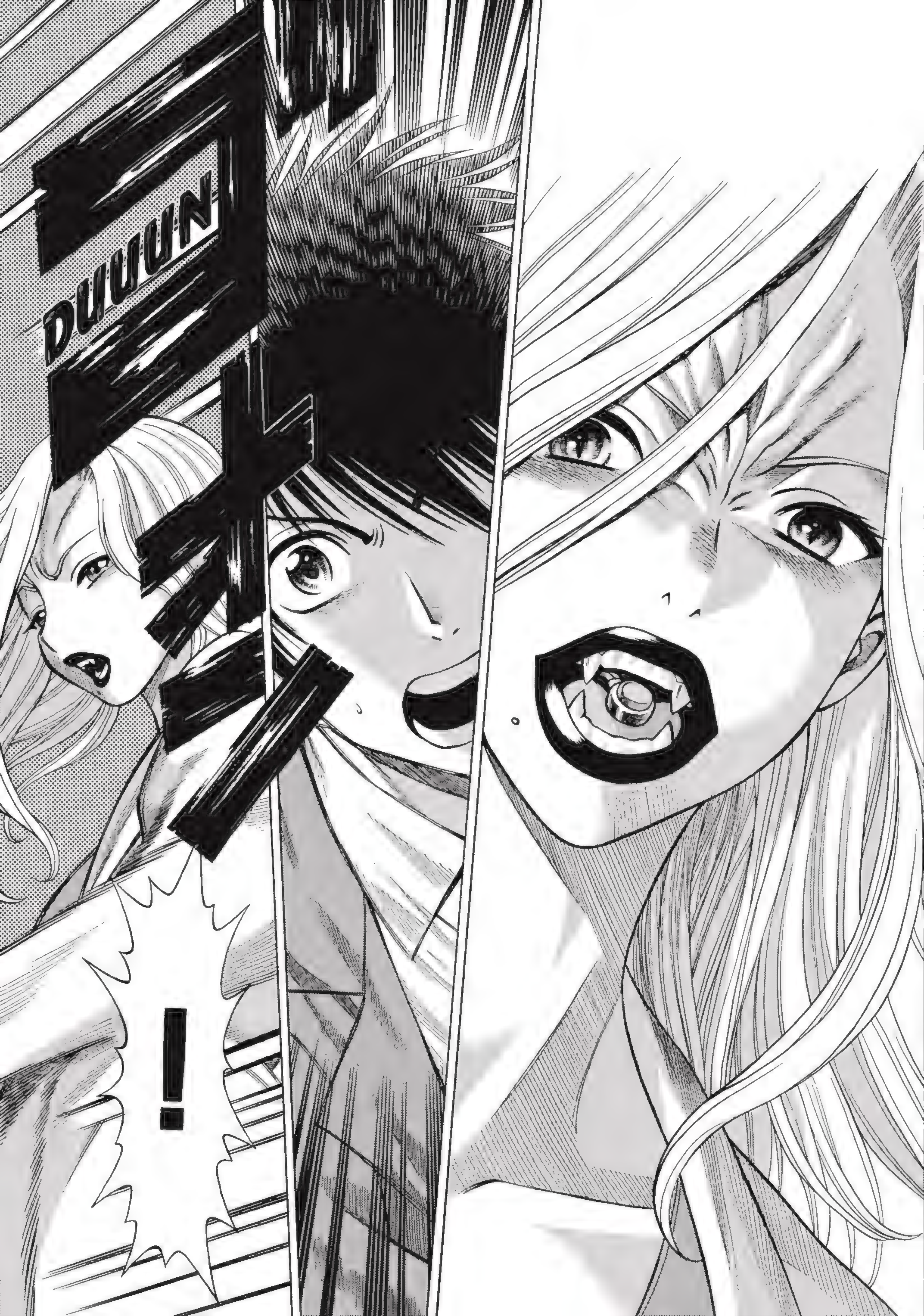


A VOLUNTEER.  
SO YOU ARE  
SAYING THAT  
YOU WISH  
FOR ME TO  
DRINK FROM  
YOU?

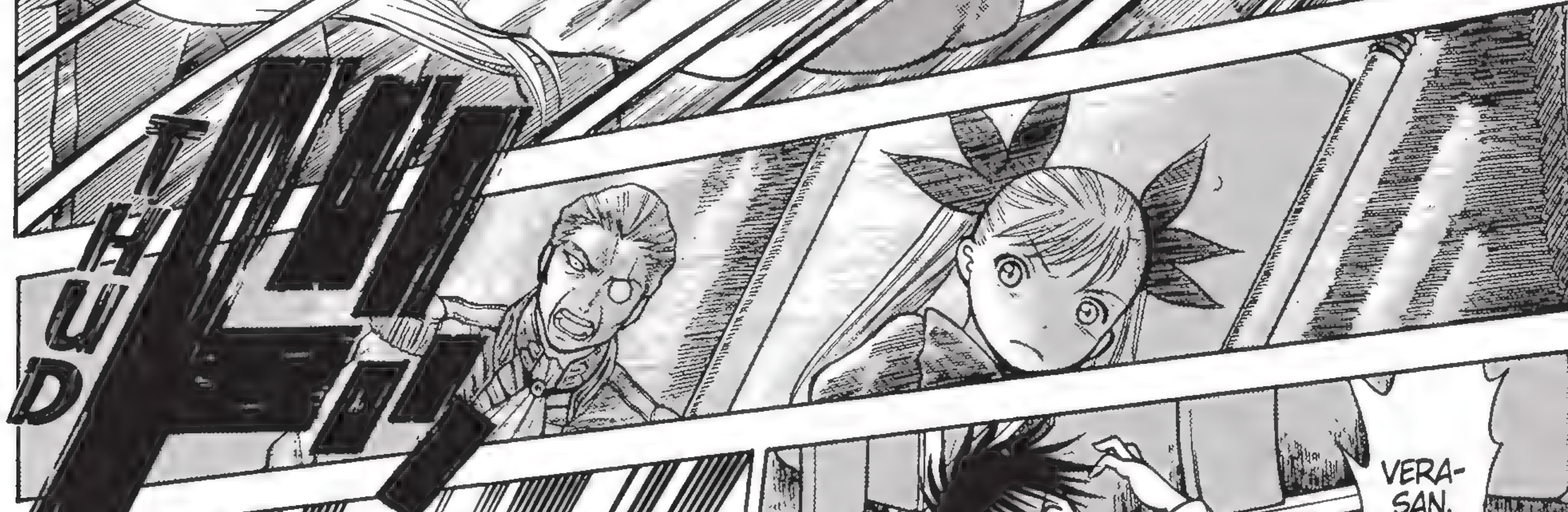
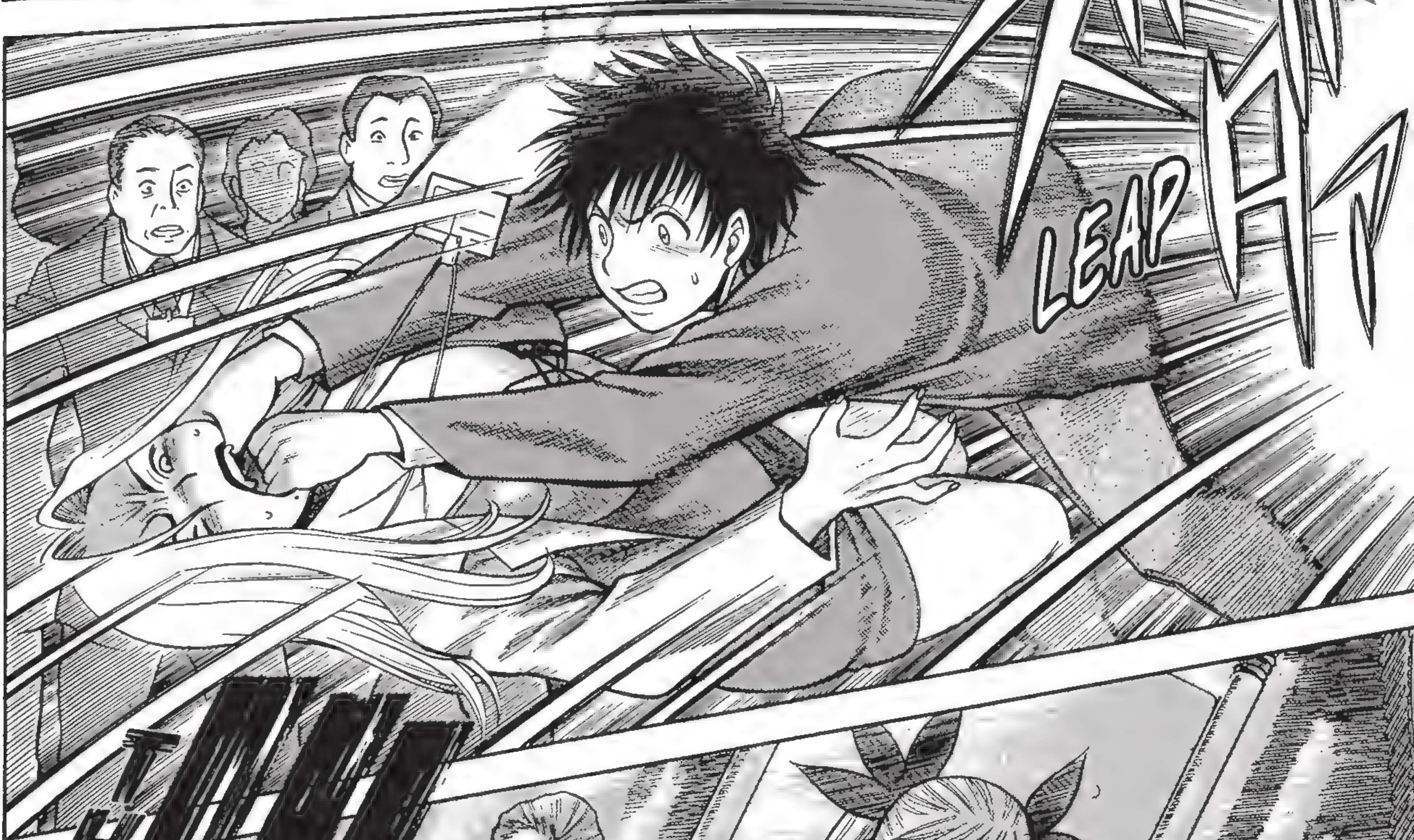
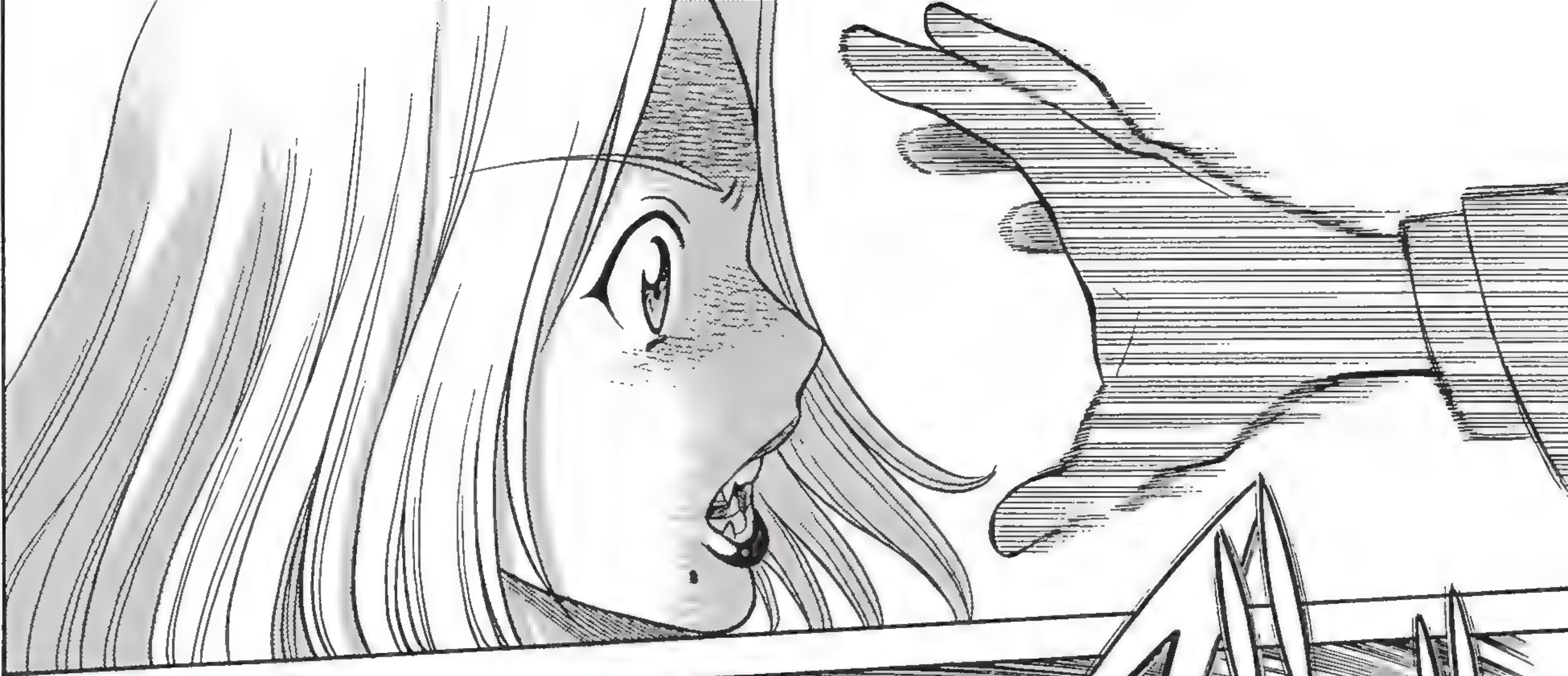


THERE'S NO  
NEED FOR ME  
TO ACTUALLY  
DRINK YOUR  
BLOOD.













VERA-SAN, SPLIT HER OPEN!!

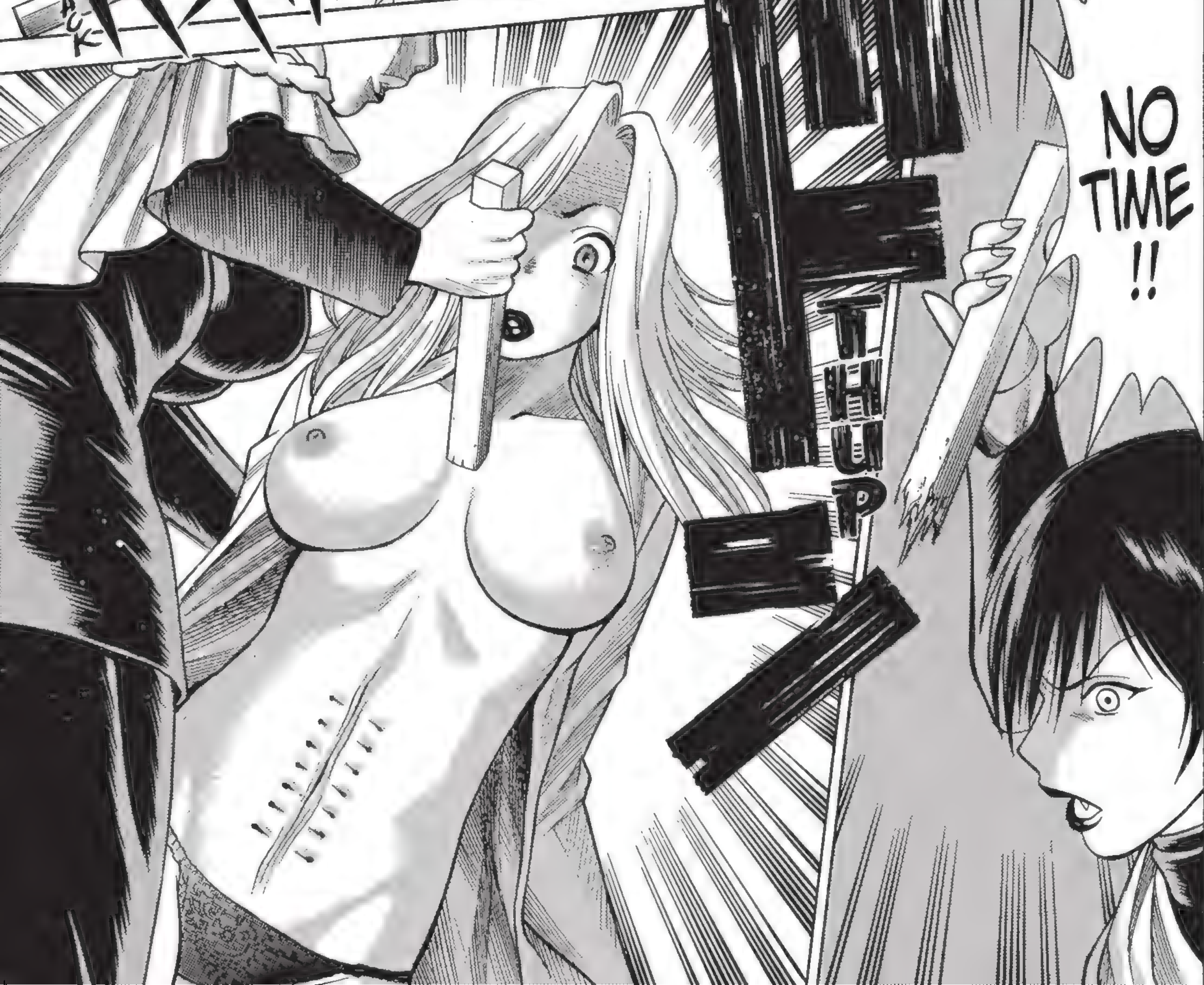


CRACK

SOCKS!!

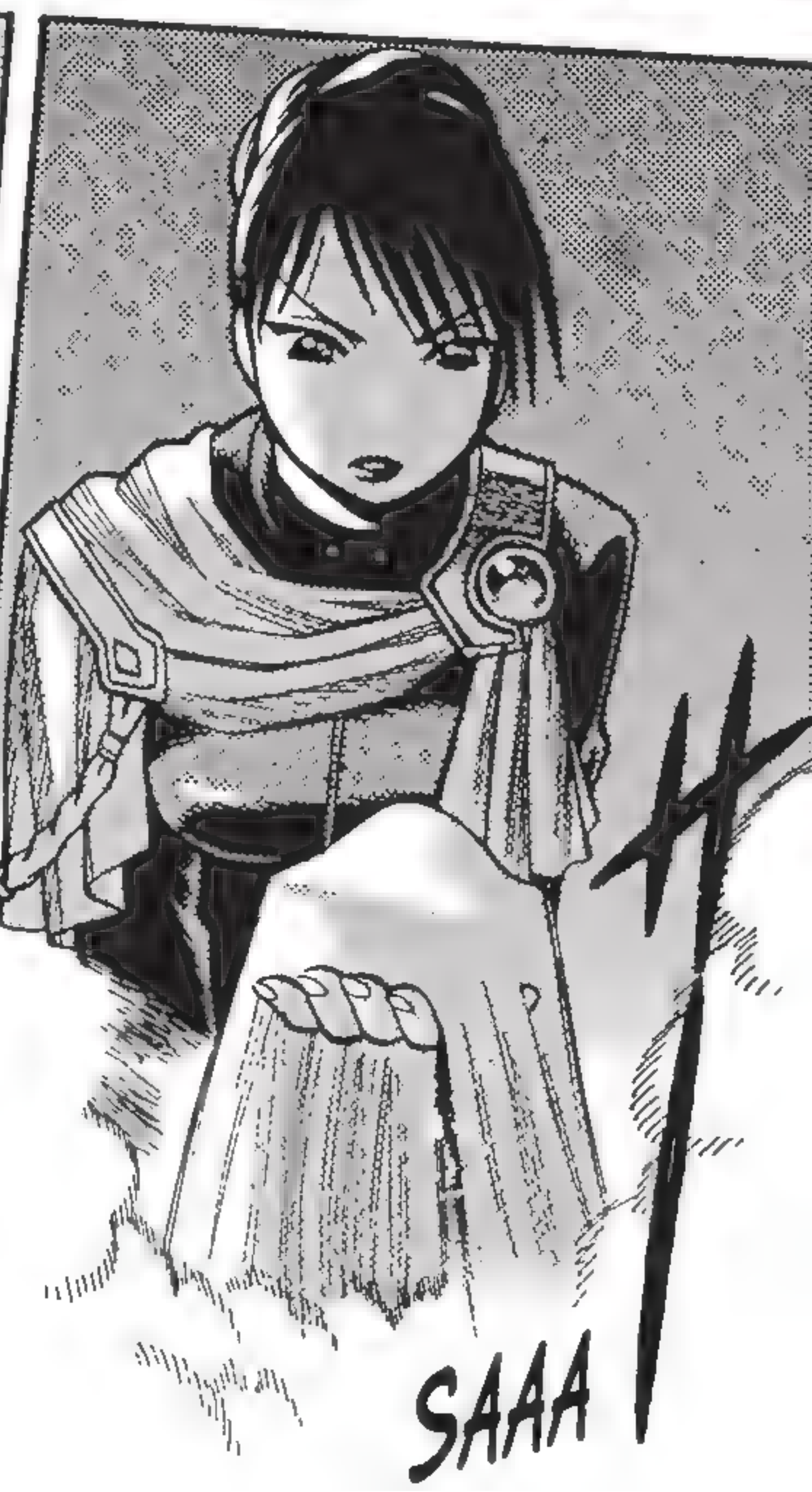
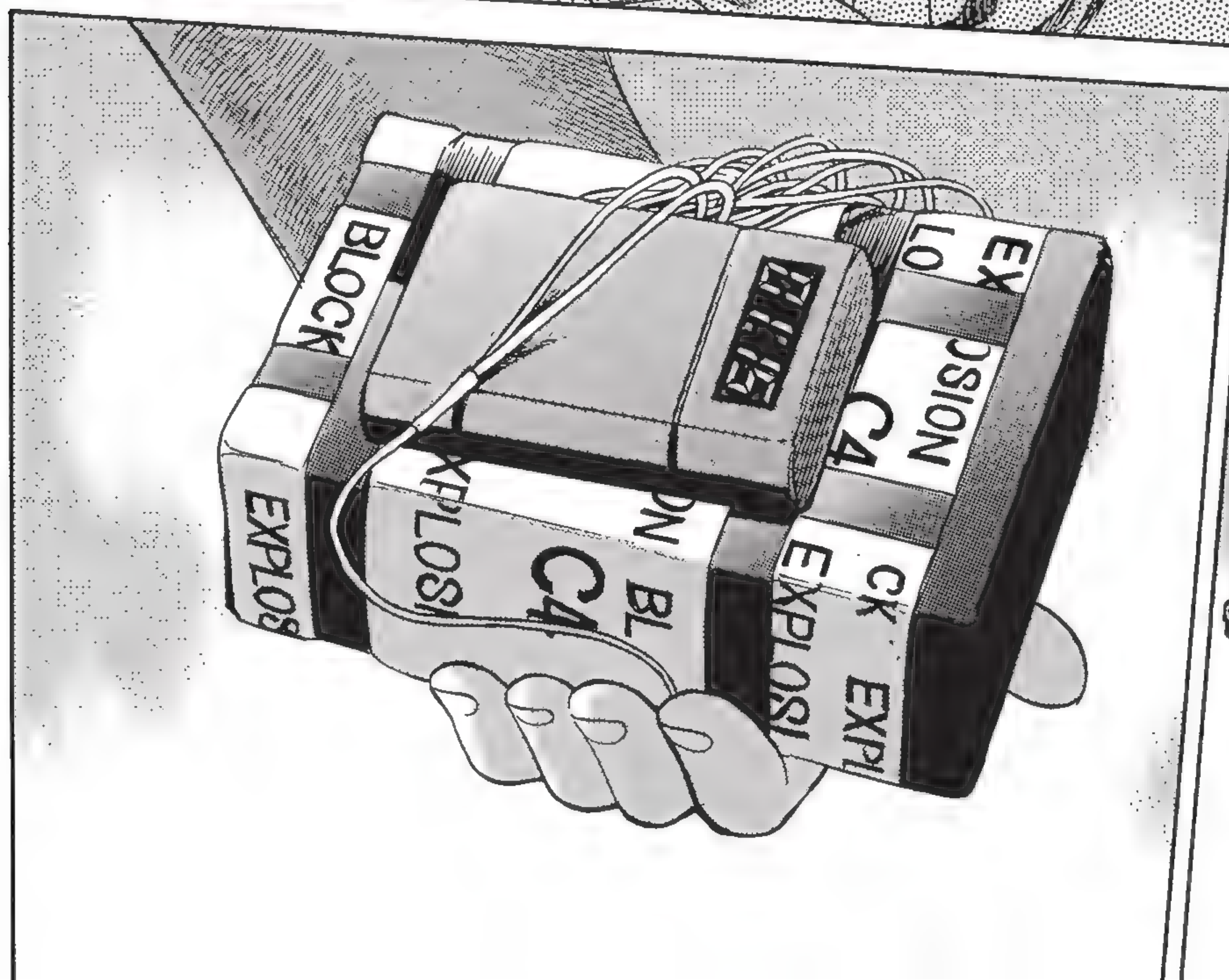
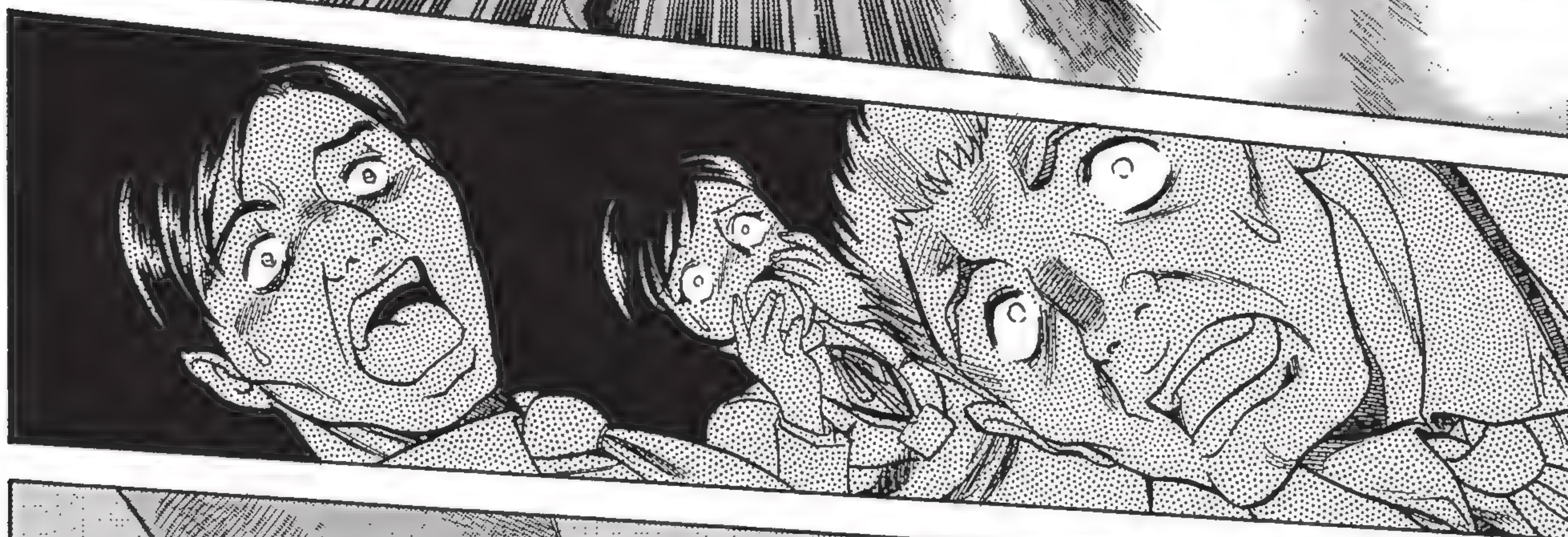


I KNEW IT!



NO TIME !!









I CAN'T  
DISARM A  
BOMB!!

I WENT  
THROUGH  
THE  
TRAINING  
PROGRAM  
FOR  
DOGS!!

WHAT?



YOU  
UNDERWENT  
BOMB  
DISPOSAL  
TRAINING  
AT THE  
SAS...

HUH?



AKIRA-  
SAN, YOU  
HAVE TO  
DISARM  
IT!

THERE  
IT IS...

SHIT, IT'S  
ALREADY  
BEEN  
ACTIVATED!



LOOK AT THE  
AMOUNT OF  
EXPLOSIVES.  
THERE'S NO  
WAY WE  
COULD  
OUTRUN IT.

P...  
PRINCESS,  
PLEASE  
COME WITH  
ME! WE  
MUST  
EVACUATE  
THIS  
ROOM!!



BUT--

WE'VE  
SHUT  
DOWN THE  
POWER!  
JUST  
THROW  
THE BOMB  
DOWN THE  
THIRD  
SHAFT!!

!

AKIRA,  
GET  
TO THE  
ELEVATOR  
SHAFT!

SHIT...  
THERE'S  
NOT  
ENOUGH  
TIME...







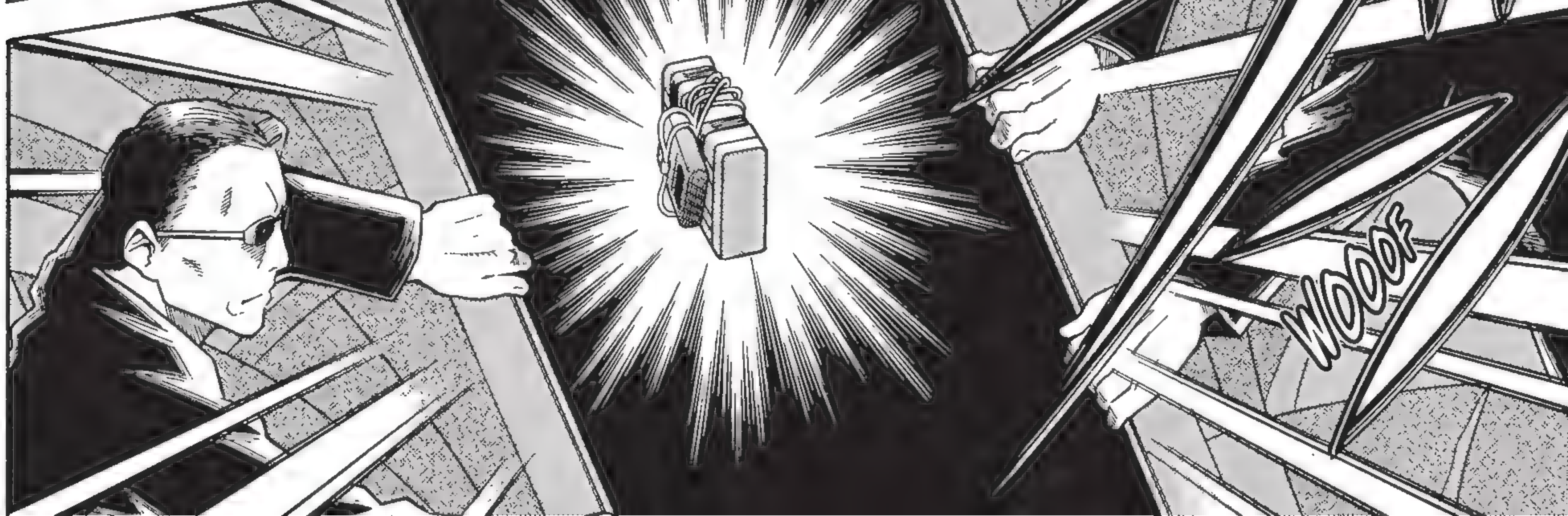
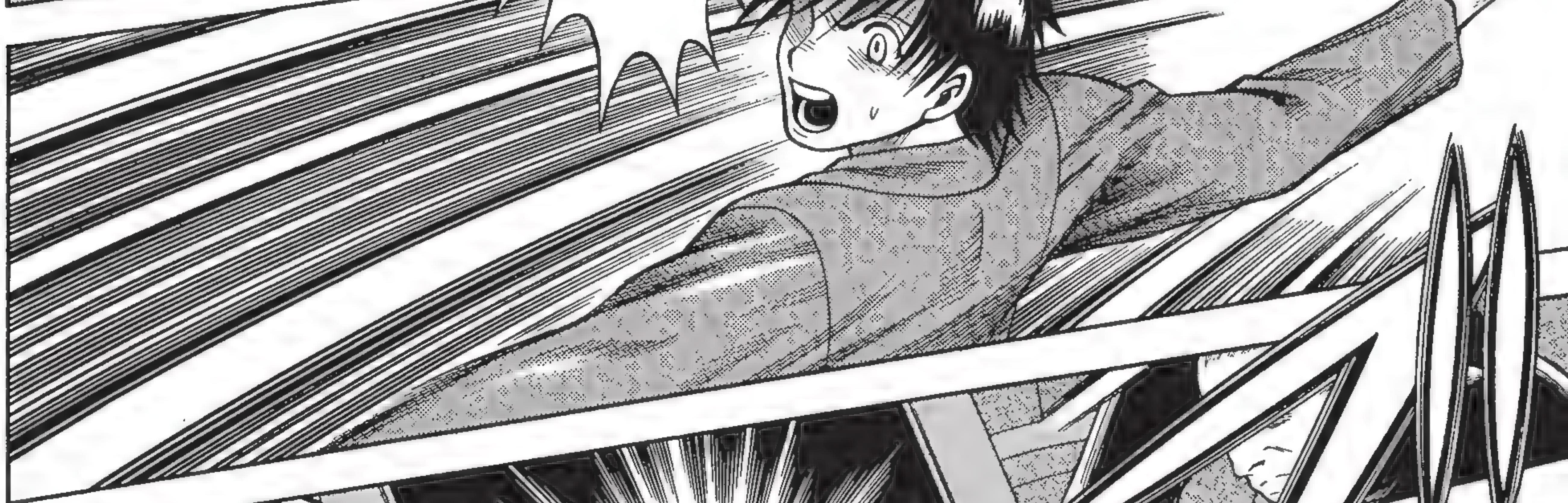
DAMN...

THE UNDERGROUND AREA WILL BE FINE!  
**JUST DO IT!!**



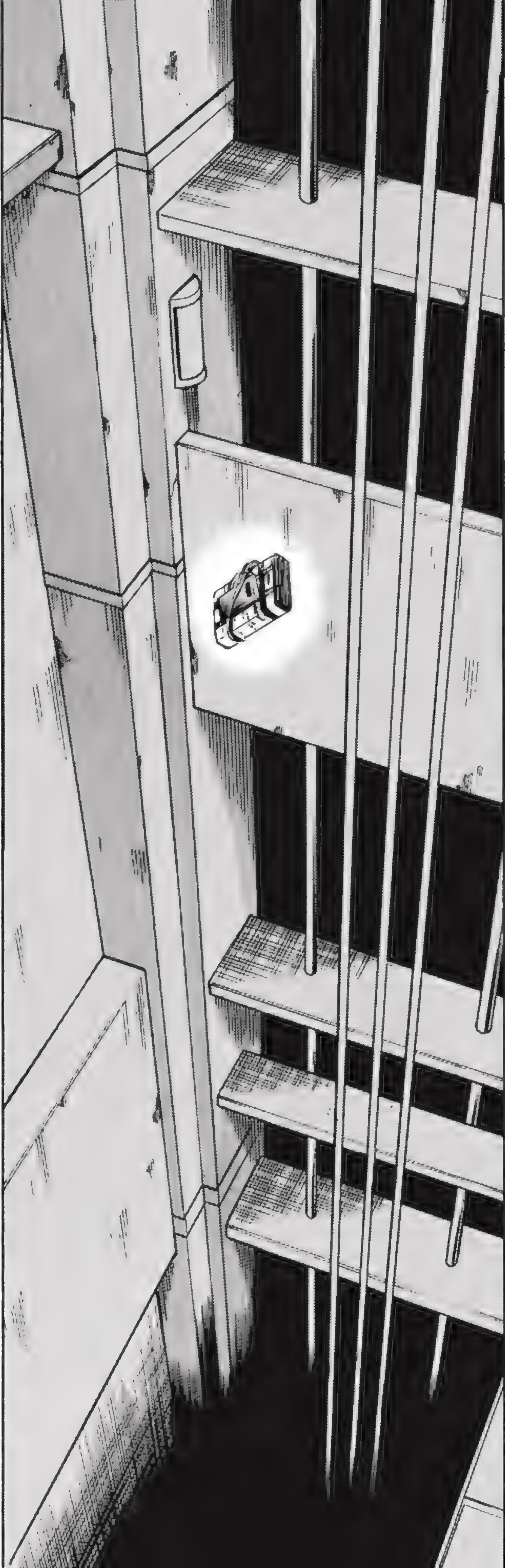
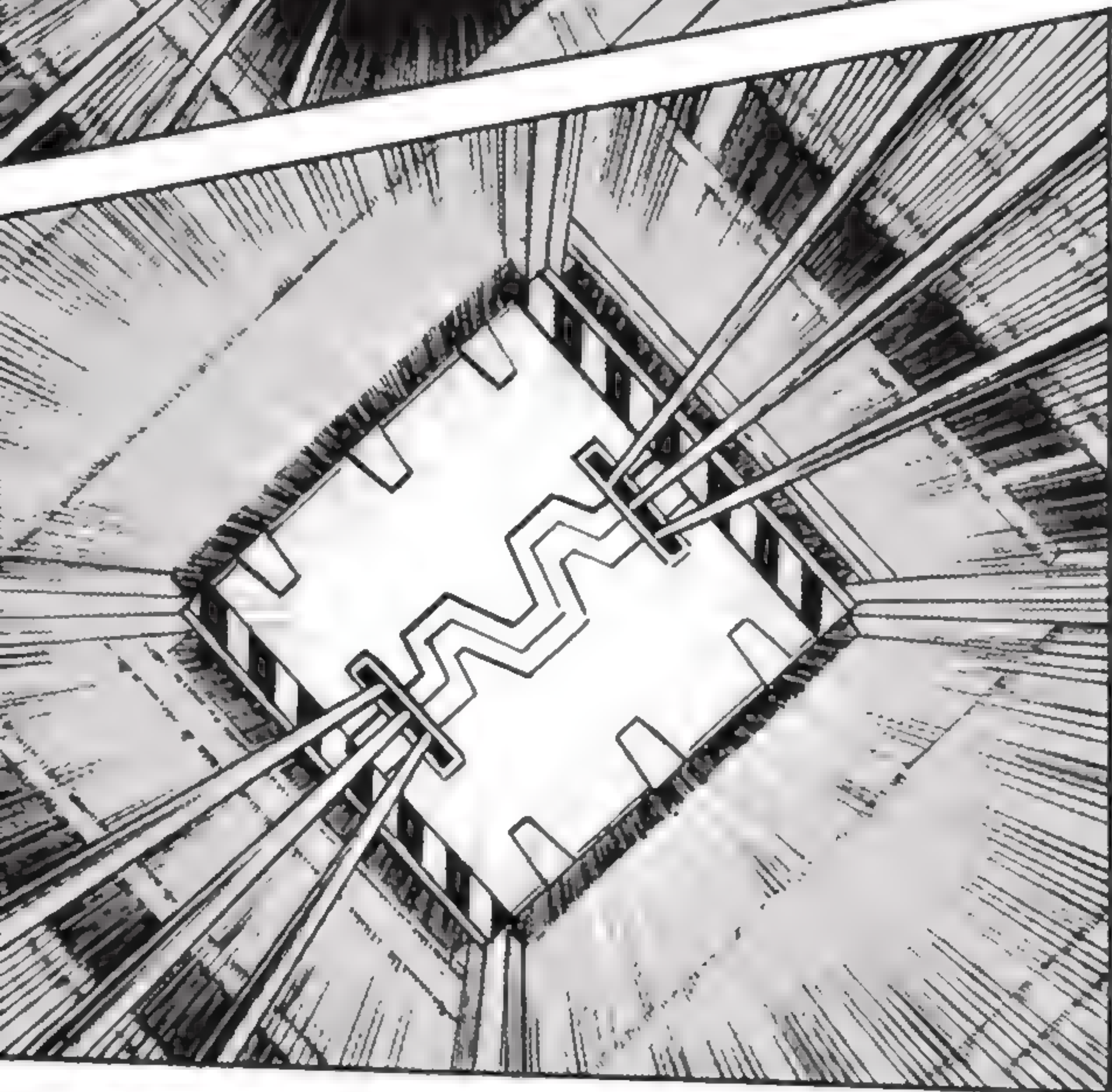
GET THOSE DOORS OPEN!!

DASH

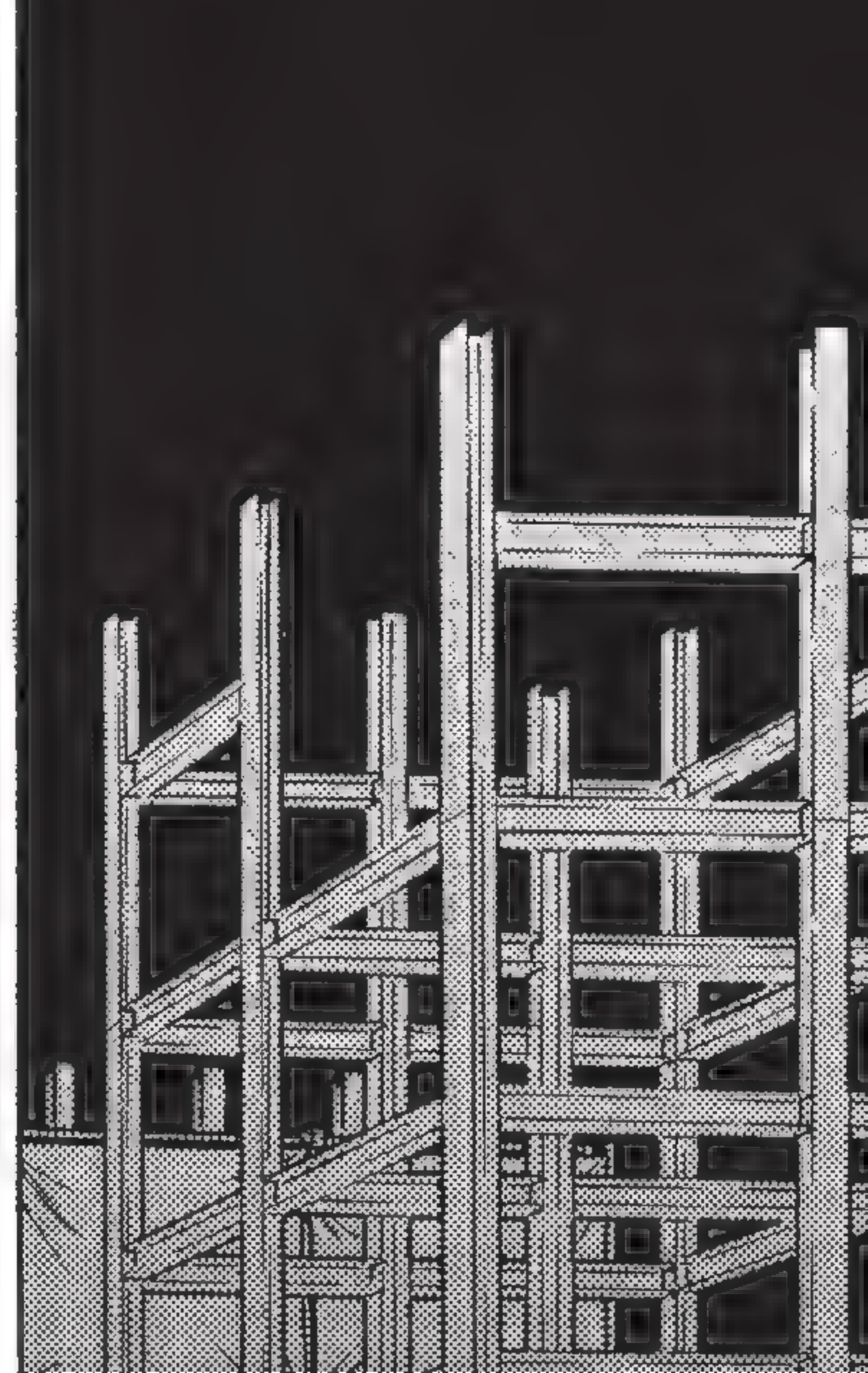
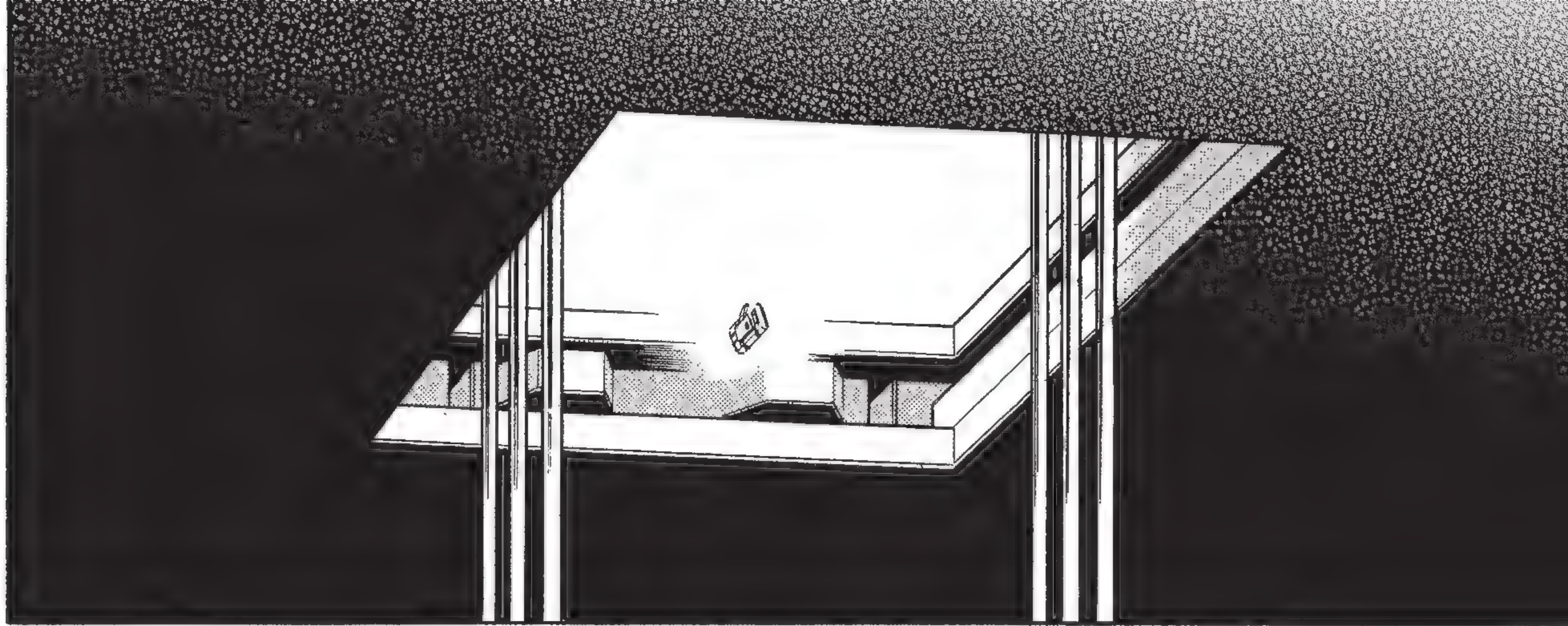


woof

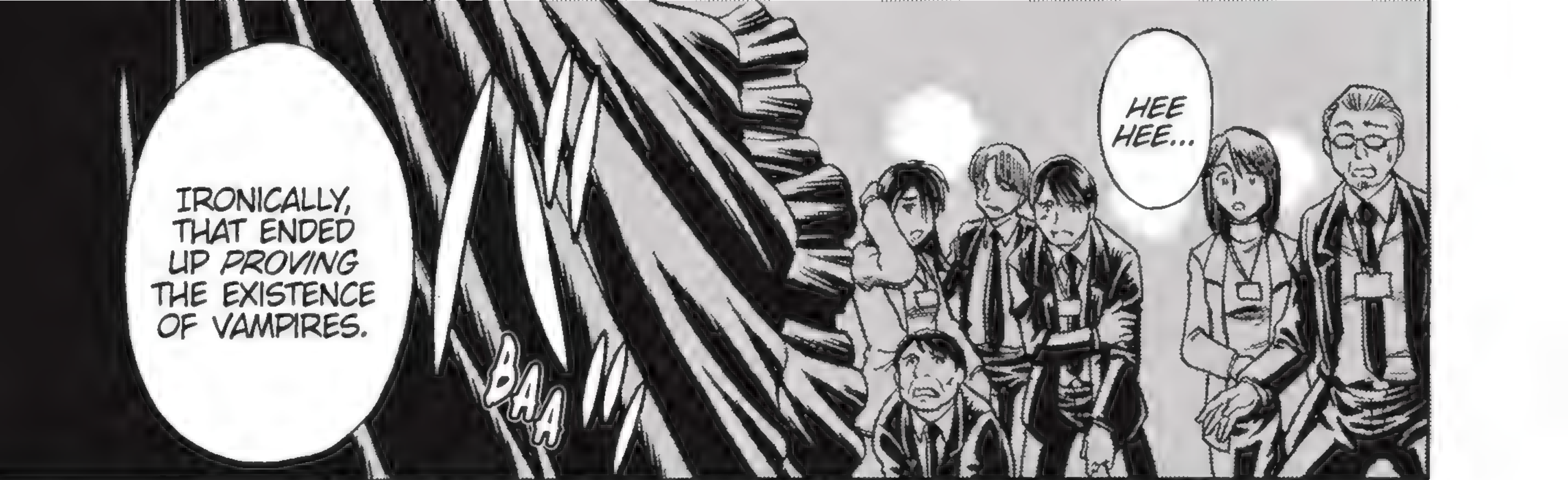













IRONICALLY,  
THAT ENDED  
UP PROVING  
THE EXISTENCE  
OF VAMPIRES.

HEE  
HEE...

BAA



AND  
THAT IS  
ALL I  
HAVE TO  
SAY.

PLEASE  
GO BACK  
TO YOUR  
OWN  
WORLD  
NOW.



MEMBERS  
OF THE  
PRESS,  
THIS IS  
OUR  
WORLD.

WE LIVE  
IN THE  
DARKNESS,  
AND BLOOD  
AND DEATH  
RULE OVER  
EVERY-  
THING.

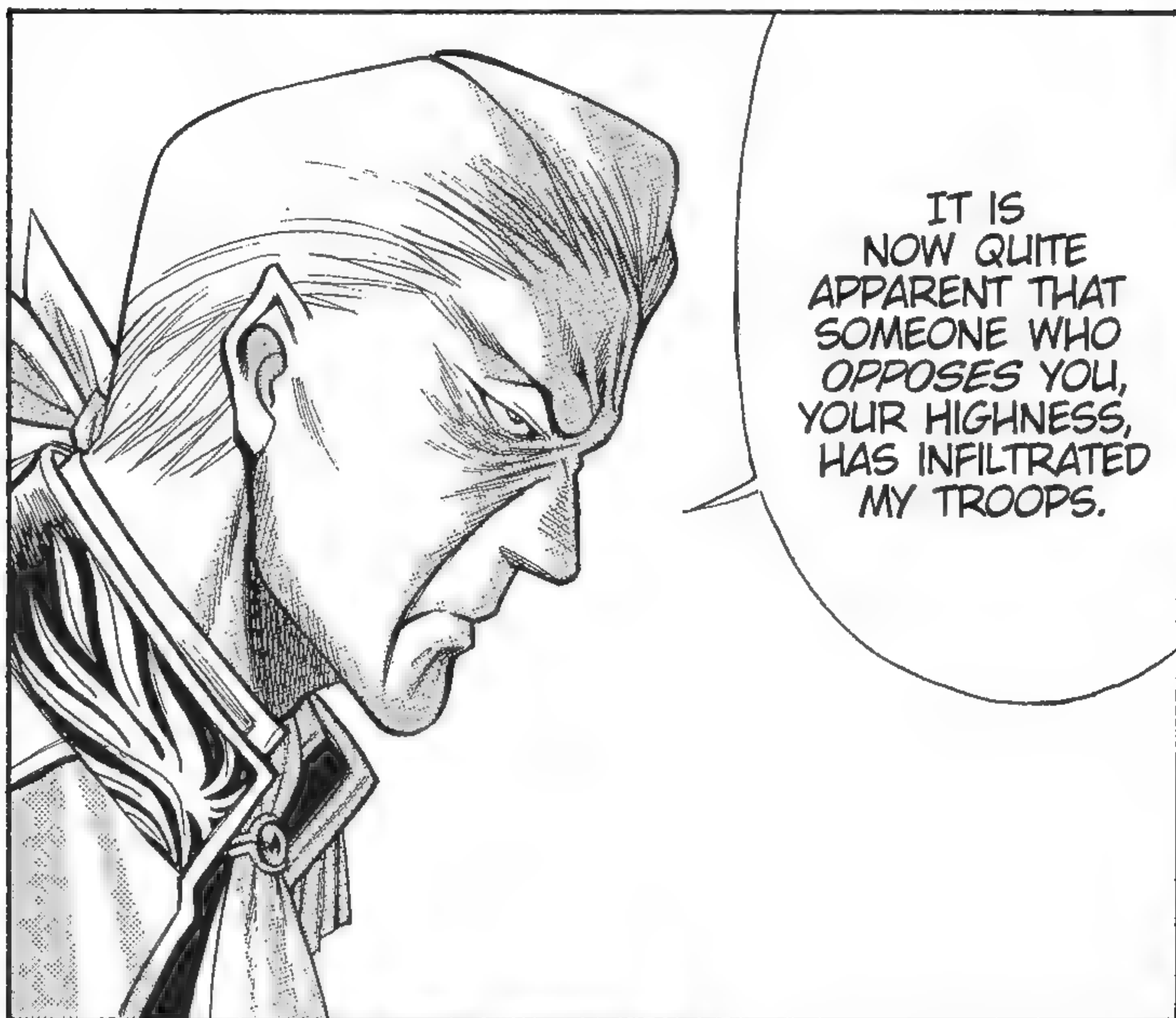


BUT  
DON'T  
WORRY.

THAT IS...  
AS LONG  
AS YOU  
STAY GOOD  
NEIGHBORS.

AS LONG  
AS YOU  
STAY GOOD  
NEIGHBORS,  
WE WILL  
NEVER BE  
A THREAT  
TO YOU.





IT IS  
NOW QUITE  
APPARENT THAT  
SOMEONE WHO  
OPPOSES YOU,  
YOUR HIGHNESS,  
HAS INFILTRATED  
MY TROOPS.

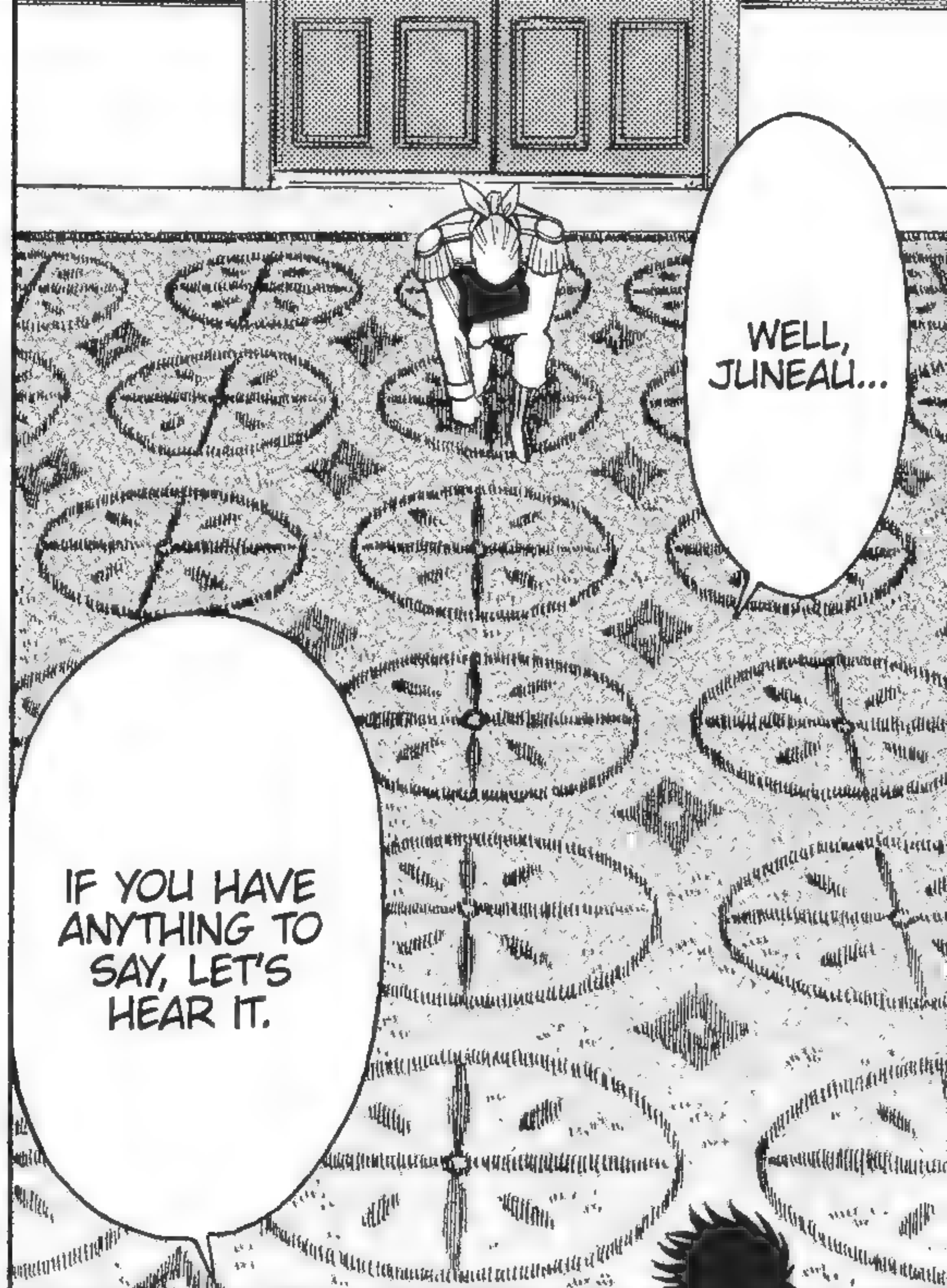


! THEREFORE,  
I HAVE ORDERED  
THE EXECUTION  
OF EVERY TROOP  
MEMBER I  
BROUGHT WITH  
ME HERE,  
TO ELIMINATE  
THE ROOT OF  
THE EVIL.



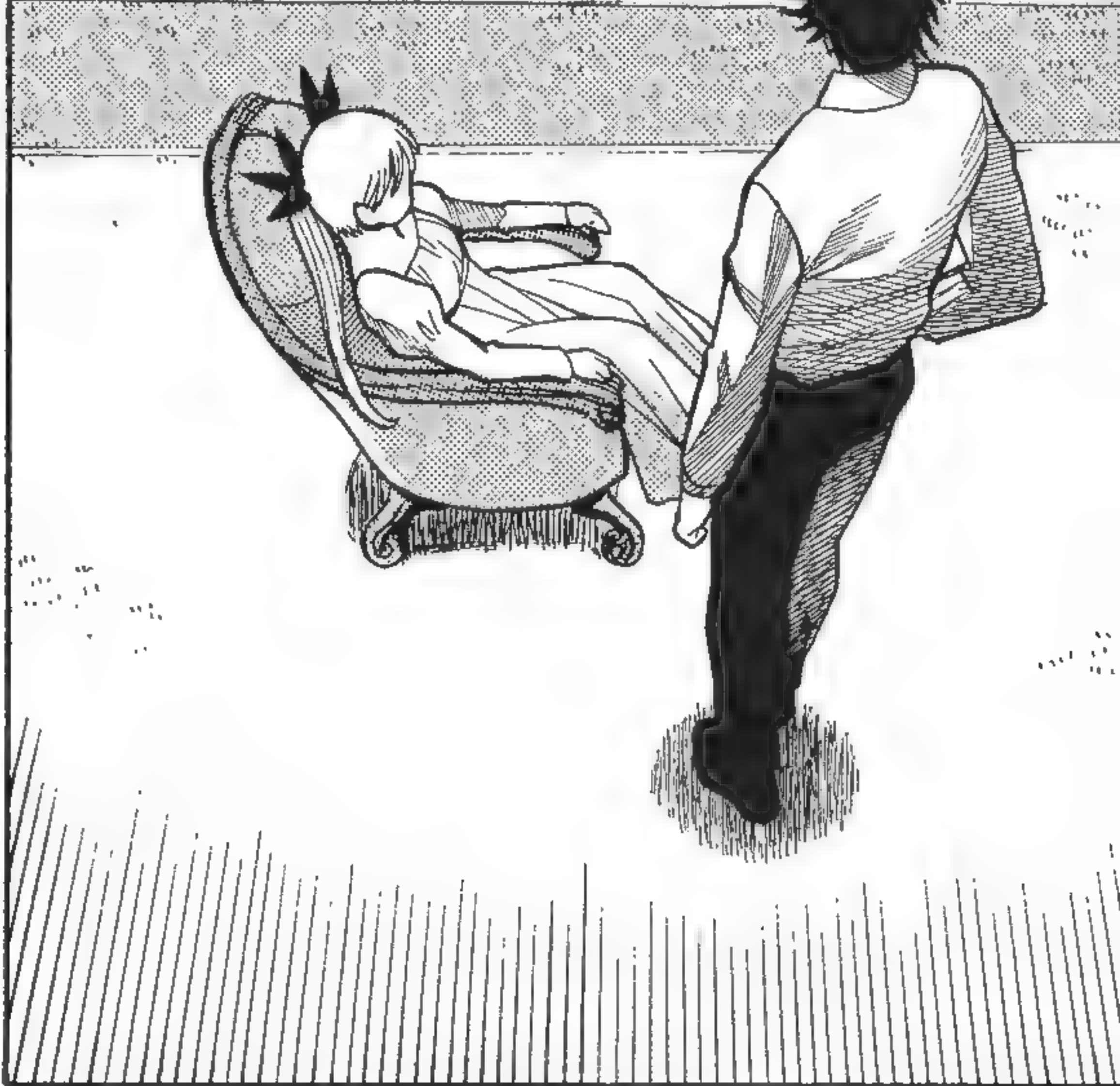
YOU  
MAY GO  
NOW.

VERY  
WELL.



WELL,  
JUNEAU...

IF YOU HAVE  
ANYTHING TO  
SAY, LET'S  
HEAR IT.



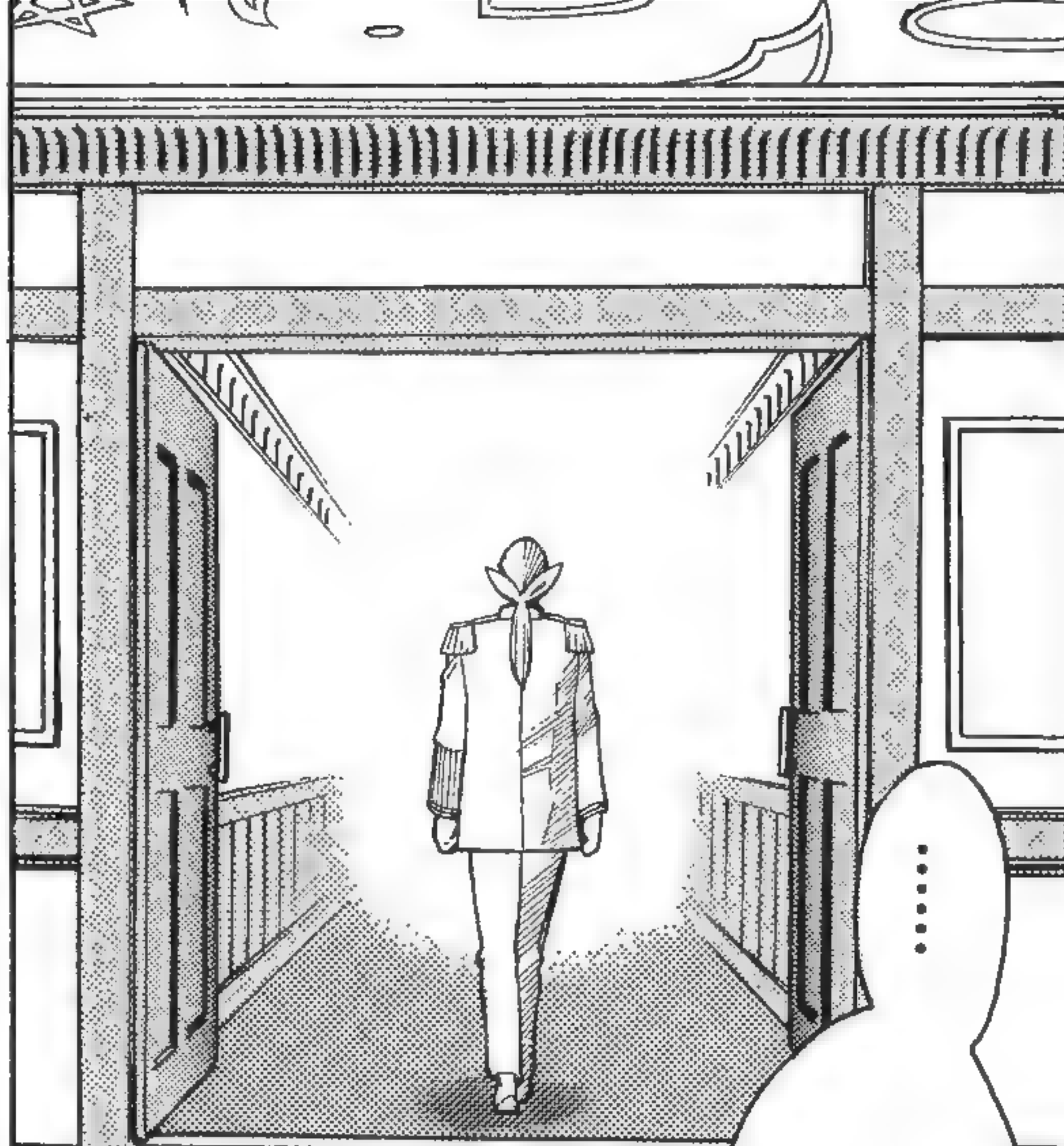
PLEASE  
ACCEPT THIS  
AS PROOF OF  
MY LOYALTY  
TO YOU, YOUR  
HIGHNESS.





HE WOULDN'T  
HAVE THE GUTS  
TO KILL ME  
AND END ALL  
OF VAMPIRE  
HISTORY.

BUT  
HE'S A  
PETTY  
MAN.



...



THINGS ARE  
GETTING  
INTEREST-  
ING.

SO IT'S A  
VAMPIRE  
AFTER  
ME, HUH?



WHO  
KNOWS...

WAS HE  
TRYING  
TO  
SILENCE  
THEM...?



DID YOU  
DO THAT ON  
PURPOSE,  
SO THAT...?



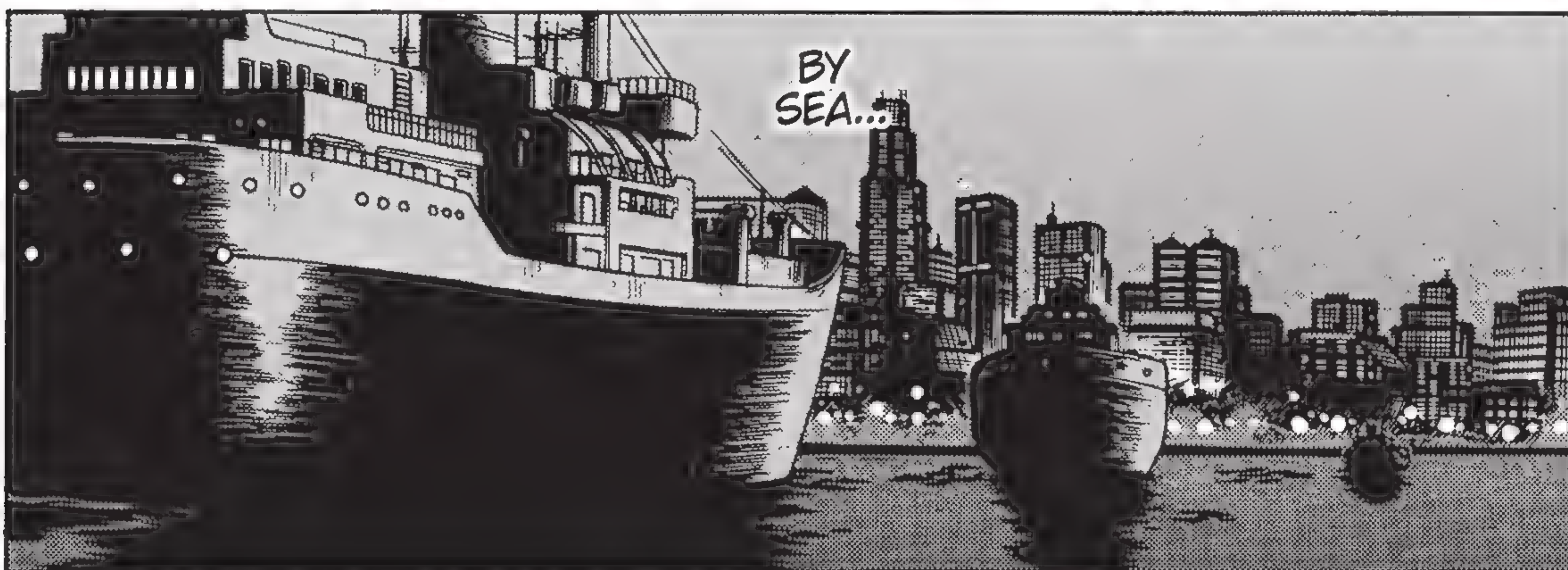
BUT NOW,  
JUNEAU WILL  
NEVER BE  
ABLE TO STICK  
HIS NOSE INTO  
YOUR AFFAIRS.

MAKE  
SURE YOU  
WORK EVEN  
HARDER  
FROM  
NOW ON.







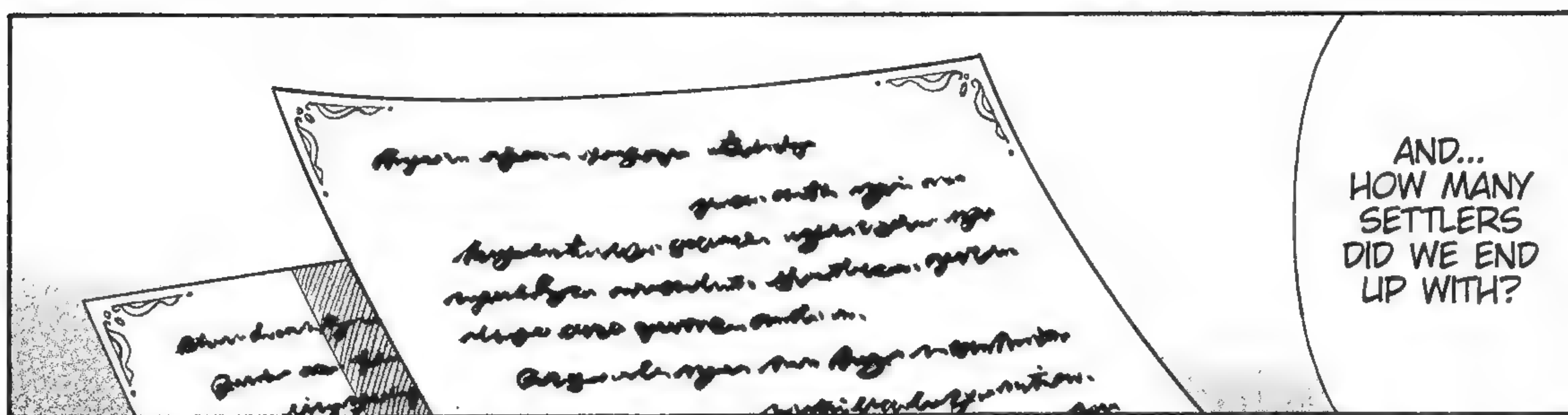




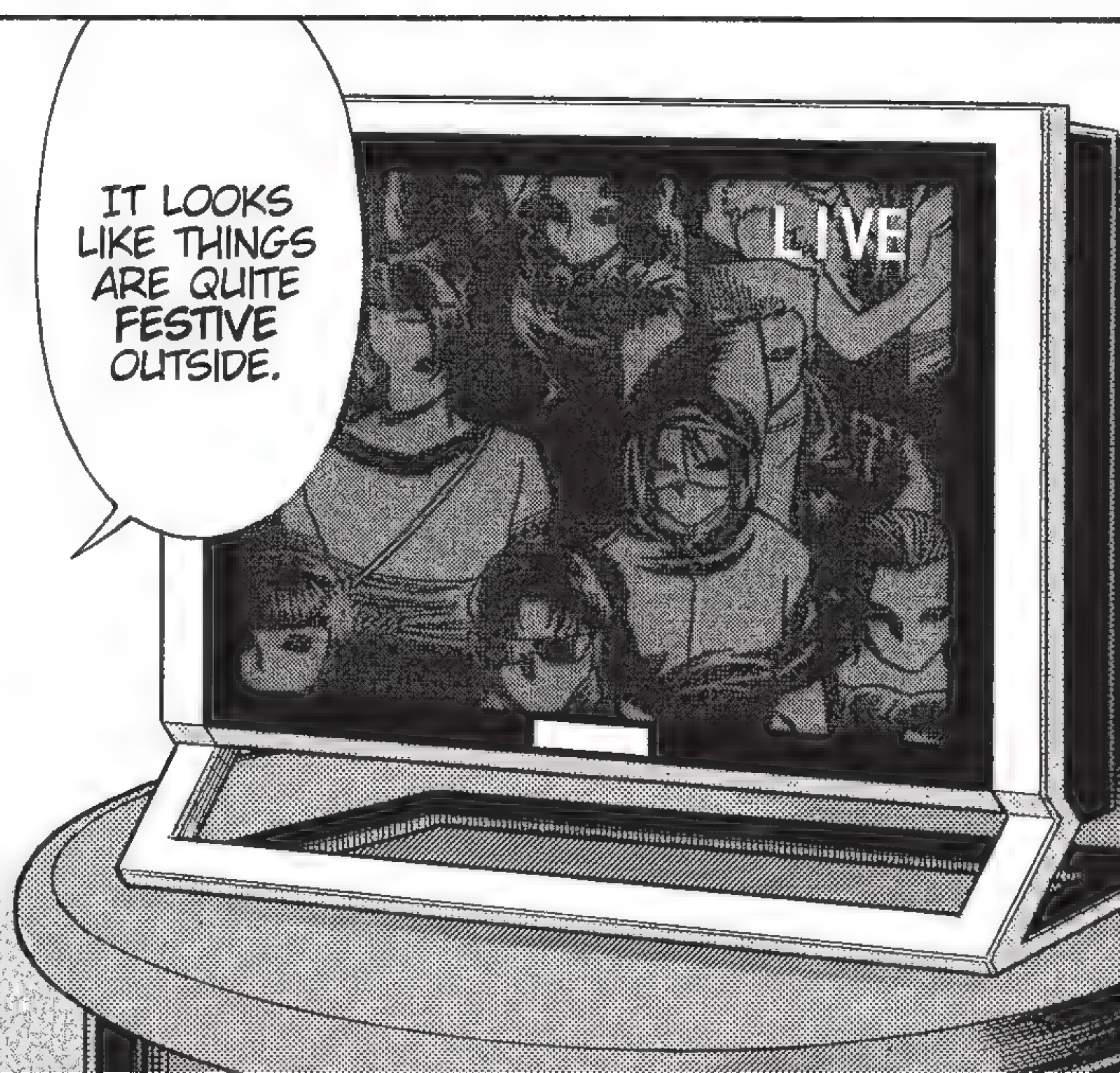
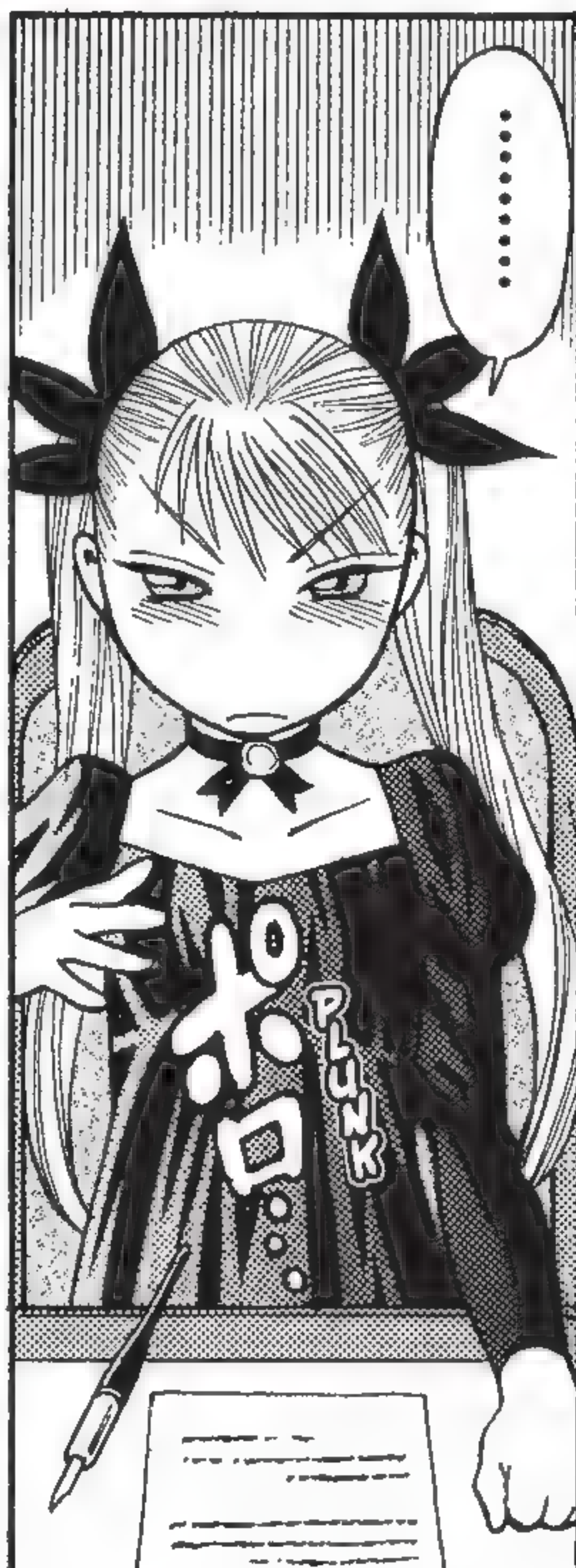
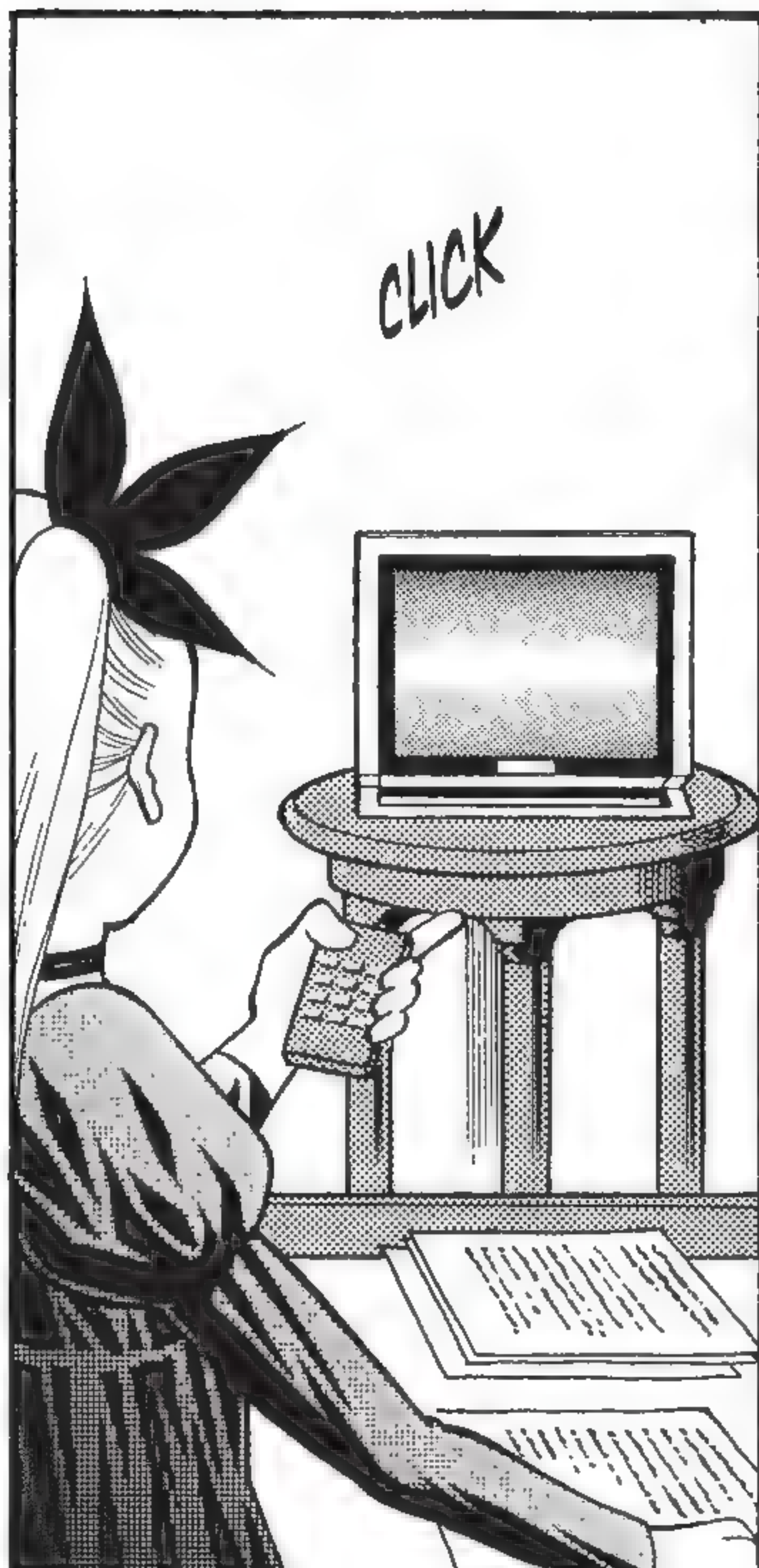


***Chapter 5: On the Night of the Carnival***





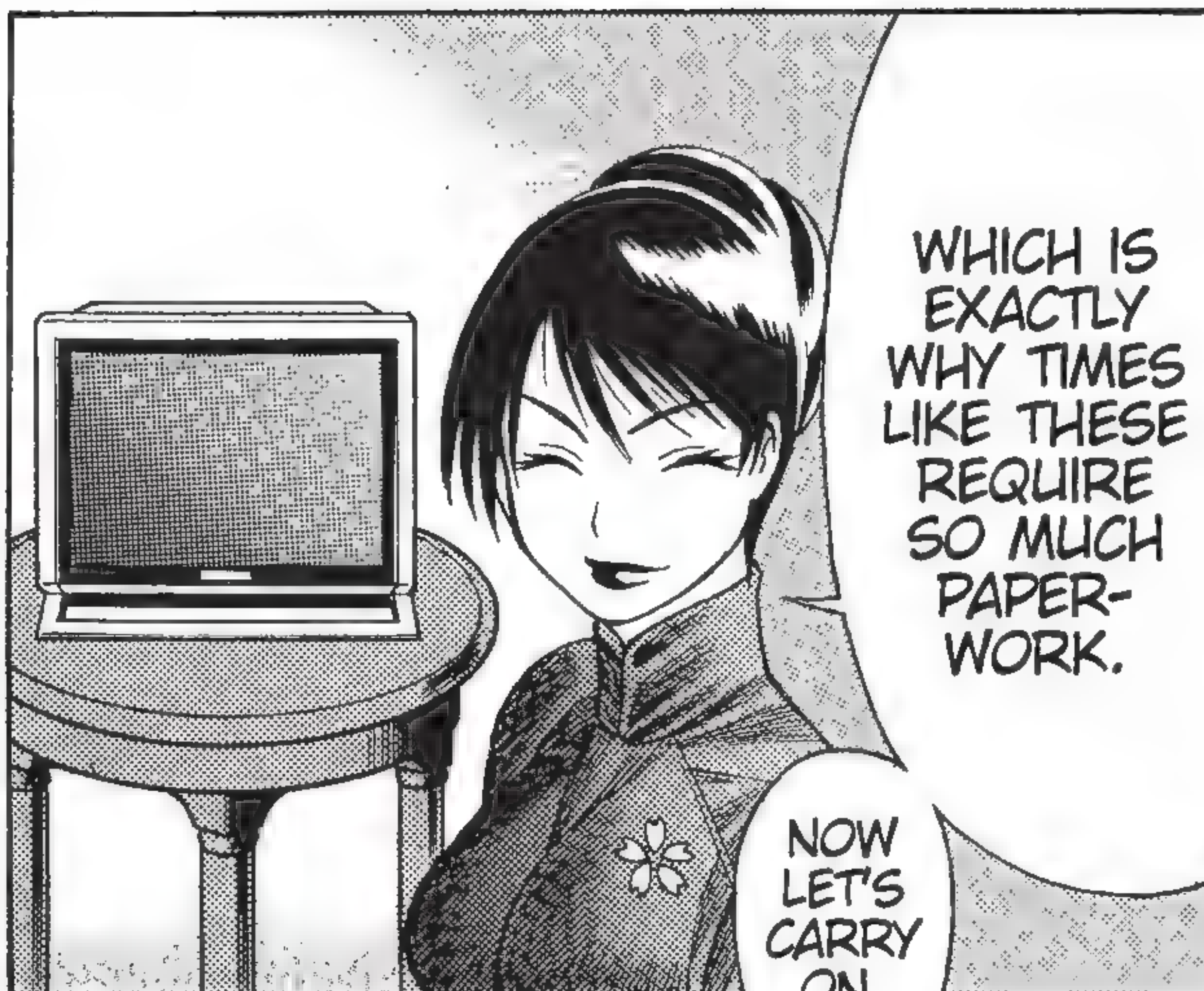






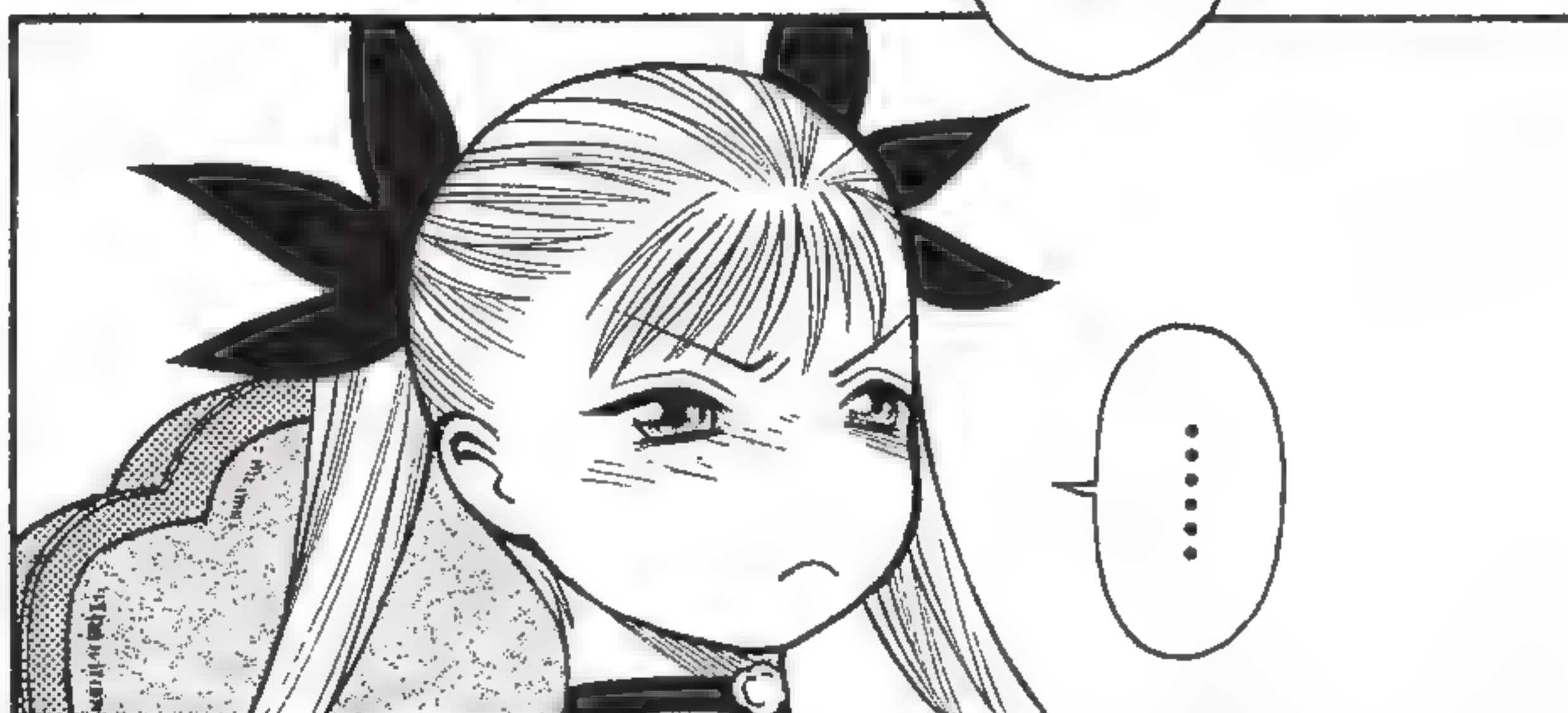


I DON'T  
SEE AKIRA  
AROUND.

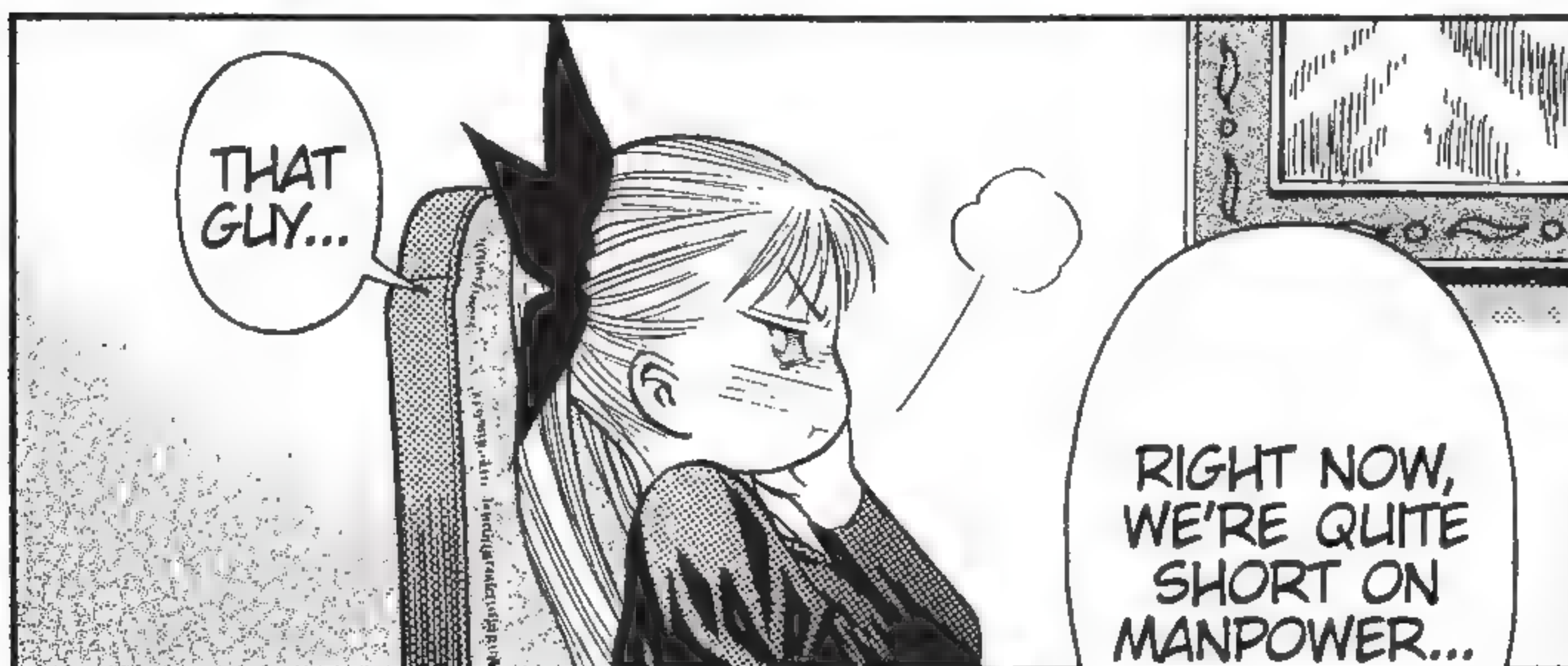


WHICH IS  
EXACTLY  
WHY TIMES  
LIKE THESE  
REQUIRE  
SO MUCH  
PAPER-  
WORK.

NOW  
LET'S  
CARRY  
ON.



...



THAT  
GLY...

RIGHT NOW,  
WE'RE QUITE  
SHORT ON  
MANPOWER...



SO SINCE  
AKIRA-SAN  
IS WORKING  
HARD, HIME-  
SAMA, YOU  
SHOULD  
DO THE...



HE'S  
OUTSIDE  
?!

HE'S  
WITH  
WOLF-  
GANG-  
DONO.

HE ISN'T  
PLAYING,  
HIME-  
SAMA.

HE'S  
CURRENTLY  
WORKING  
SECURITY, AS  
A MEMBER  
OF THE  
EARTH  
CLAN.









AS WE STILL  
HAVEN'T  
FIGURED OUT  
WHO WAS  
BEHIND THE  
PREVIOUS  
ATTACKS...

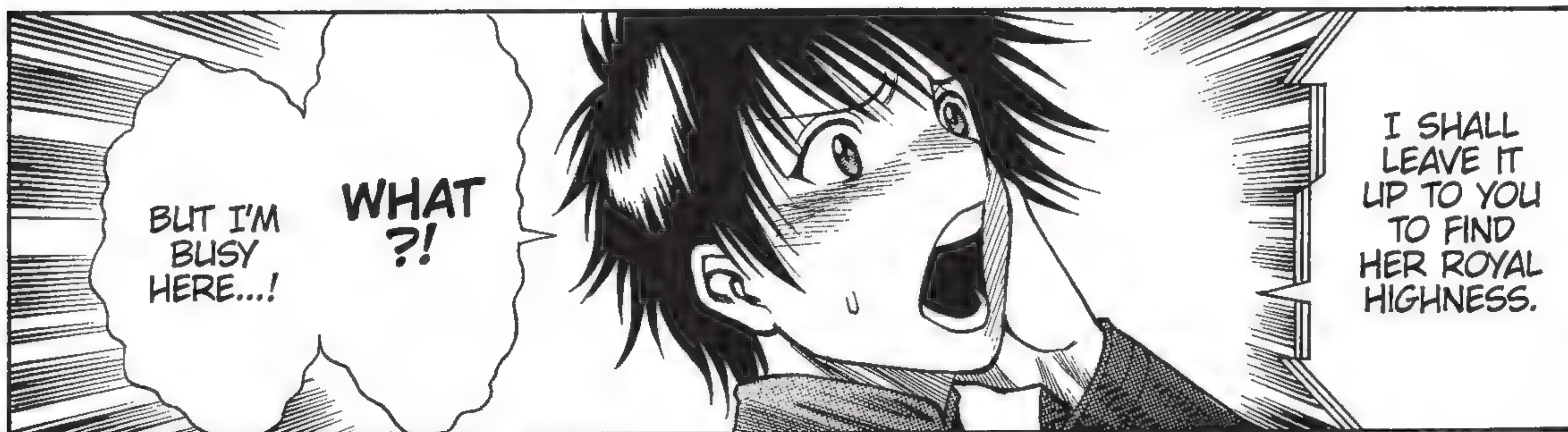
UGH...  
THAT  
TOM-  
BOY...

WE NEED  
TO TAKE  
BASIC  
PRECAU-  
TIONS.



I TOLD  
HER THAT  
IT WAS  
NOTHING  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT...

BUT  
VERA-  
SAMA  
INSISTED.



BUT I'M  
BUSY  
HERE...!

WHAT  
?!

I SHALL  
LEAVE IT  
UP TO YOU  
TO FIND  
HER ROYAL  
HIGHNESS.



UH...  
EXCUSE  
ME...



ARRGH!

SHIFT



BESIDES,  
YOU ARE  
CURRENTLY  
THE LEAST  
USEFUL PERSON  
HERE. WOLF-  
GANG OUT.

YOU  
ARE HER  
HIGHNESS'S  
SERVANT,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

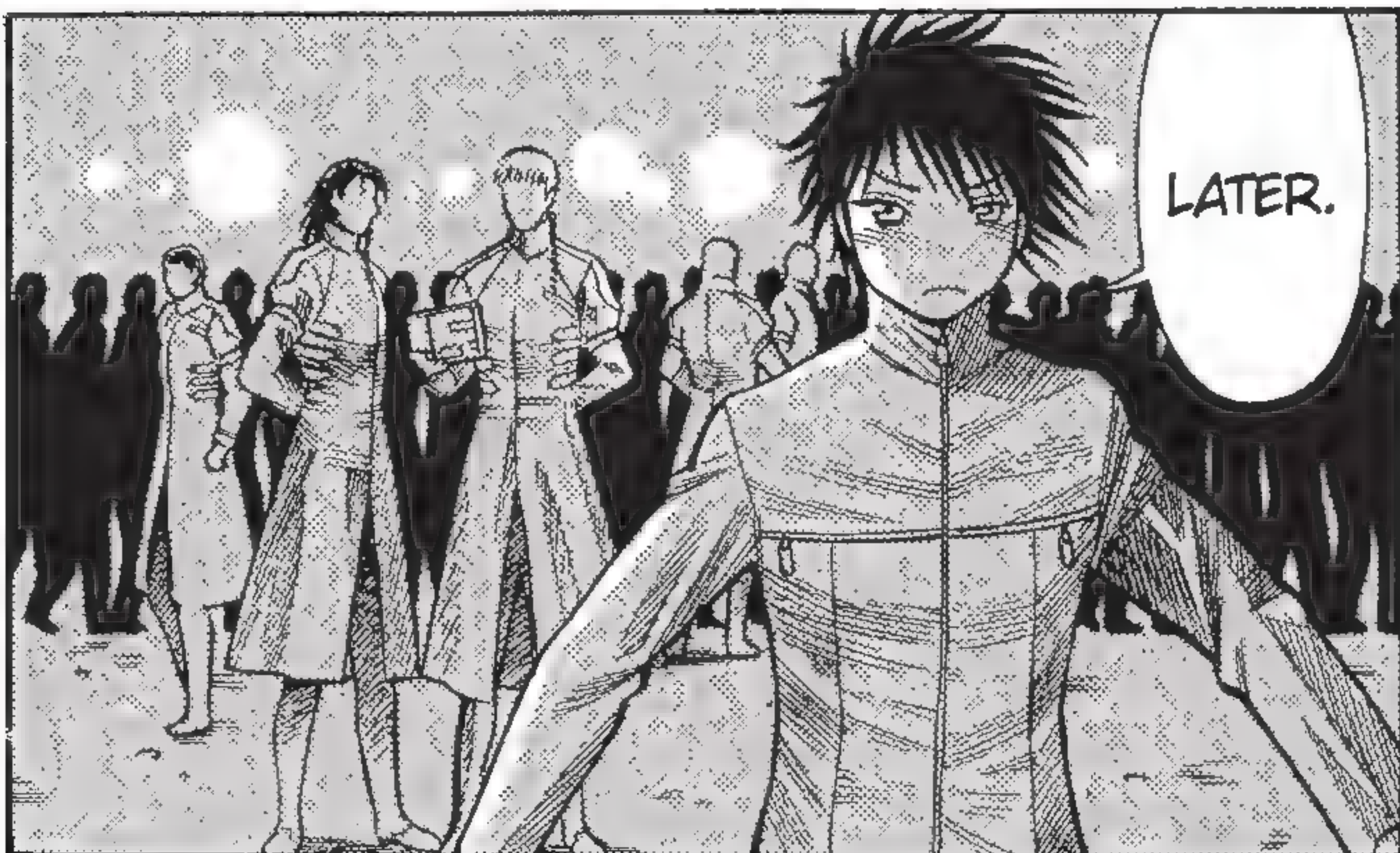
WHA?!  
DAD...  
H-HEY!!



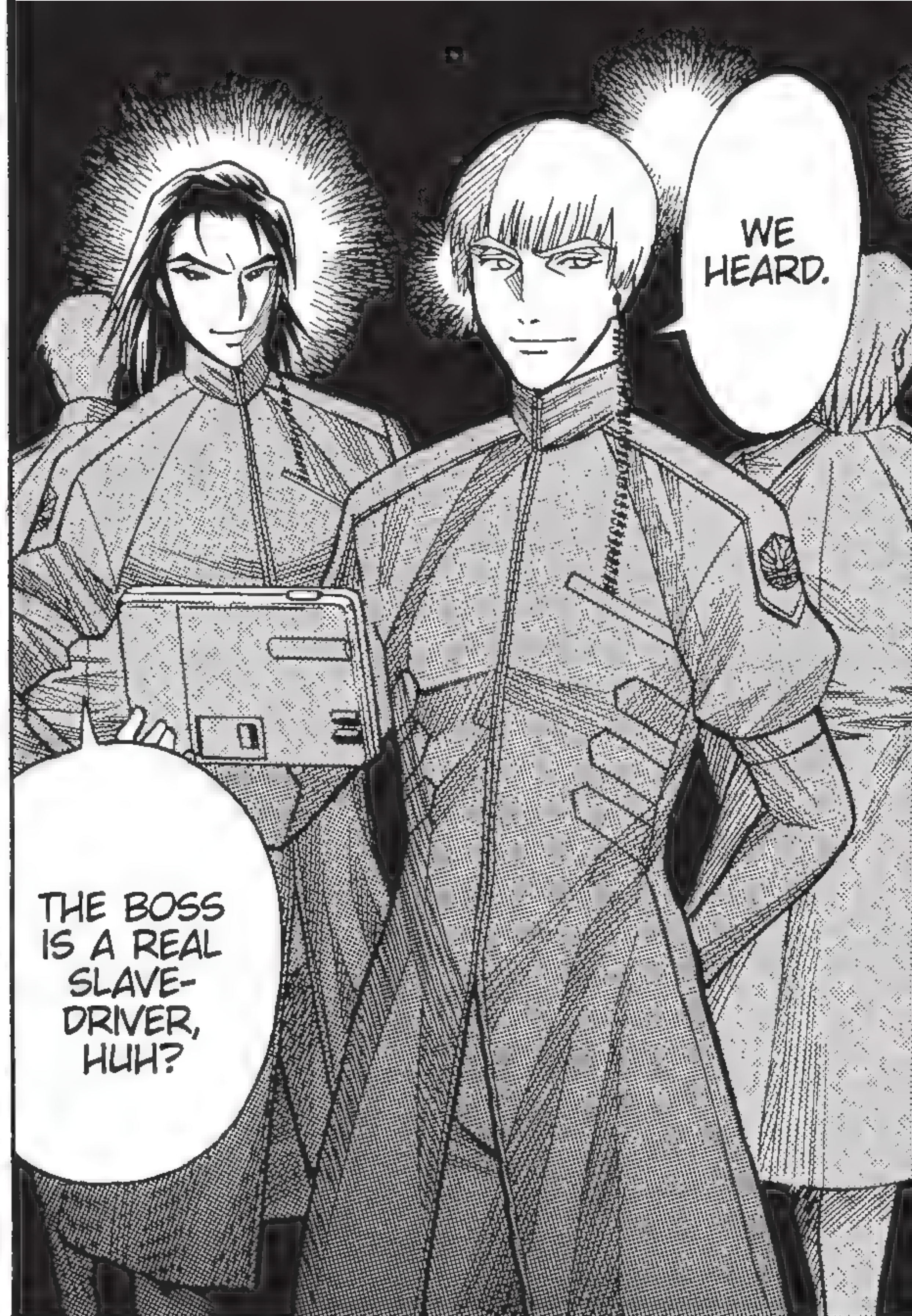


HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT.

NOT REALLY...

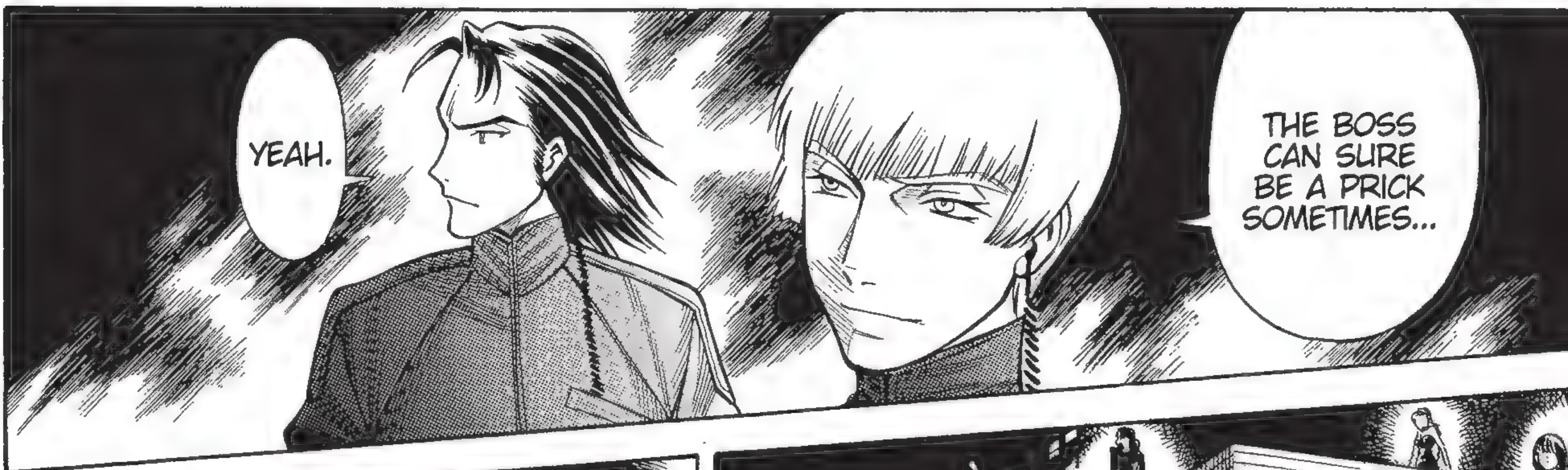


LATER.



WE HEARD.

THE BOSS IS A REAL SLAVE-DRIVER, HUH?



YEAH.

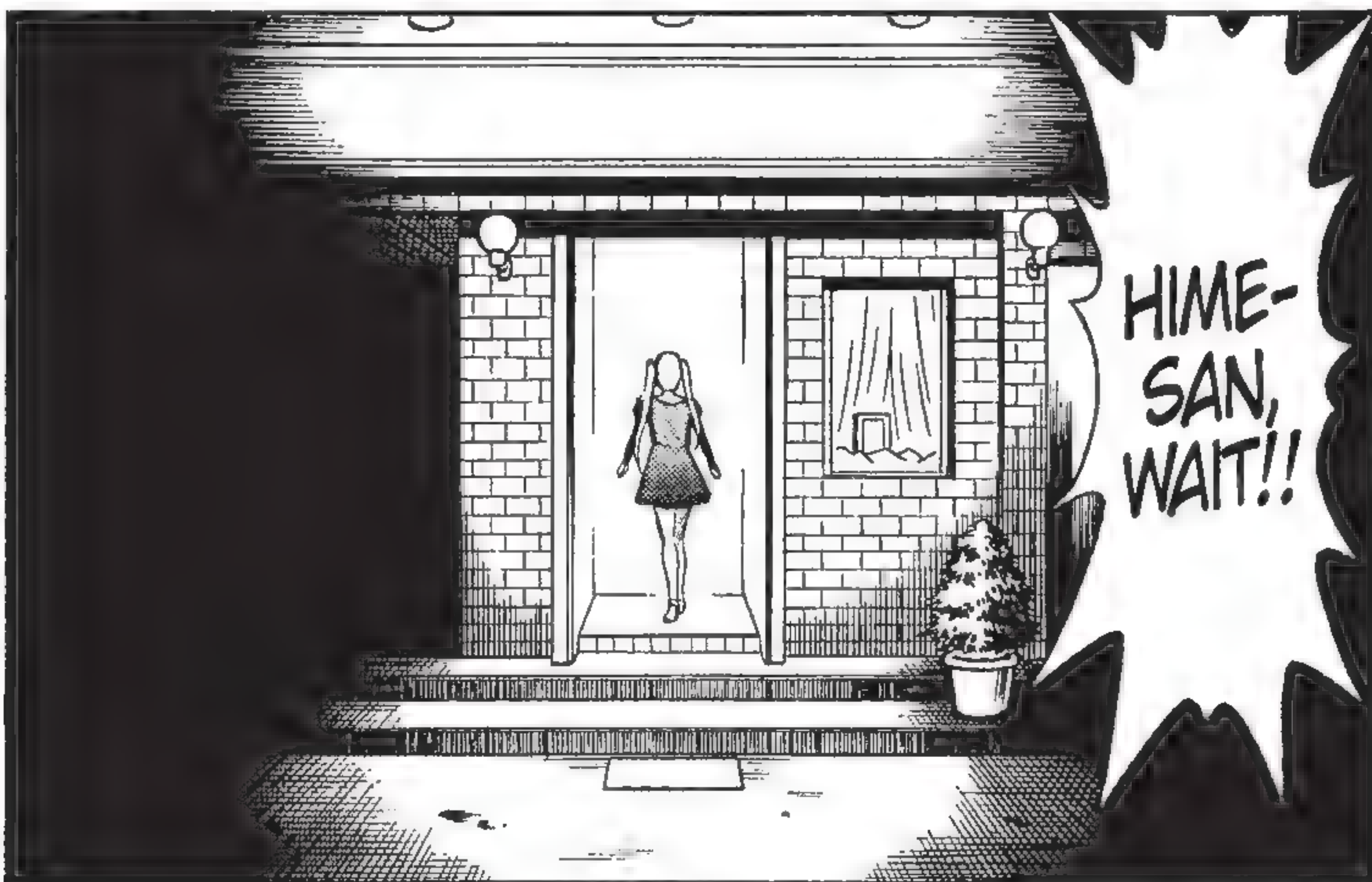
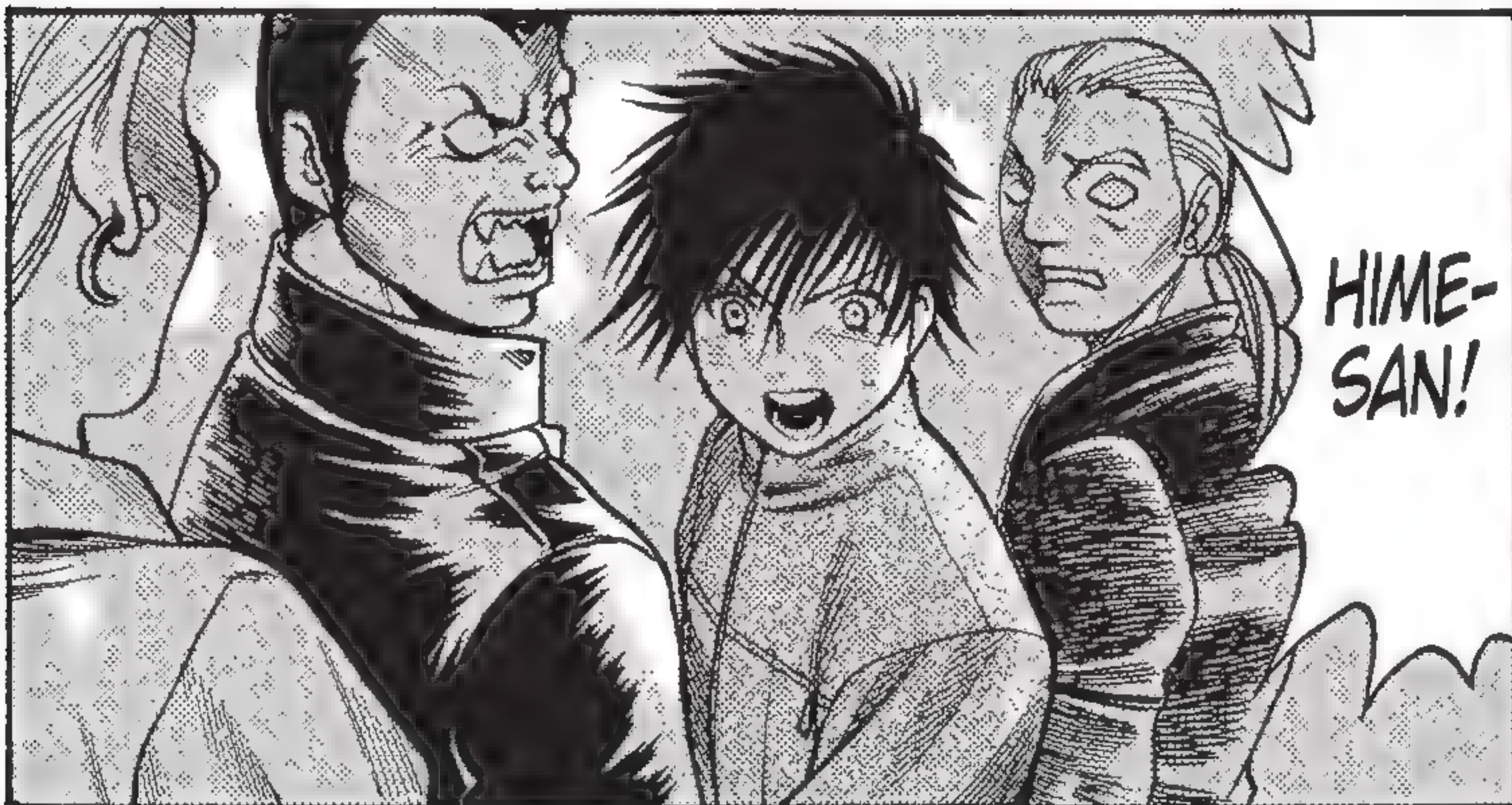
THE BOSS CAN SURE BE A PRICK SOMETIMES...



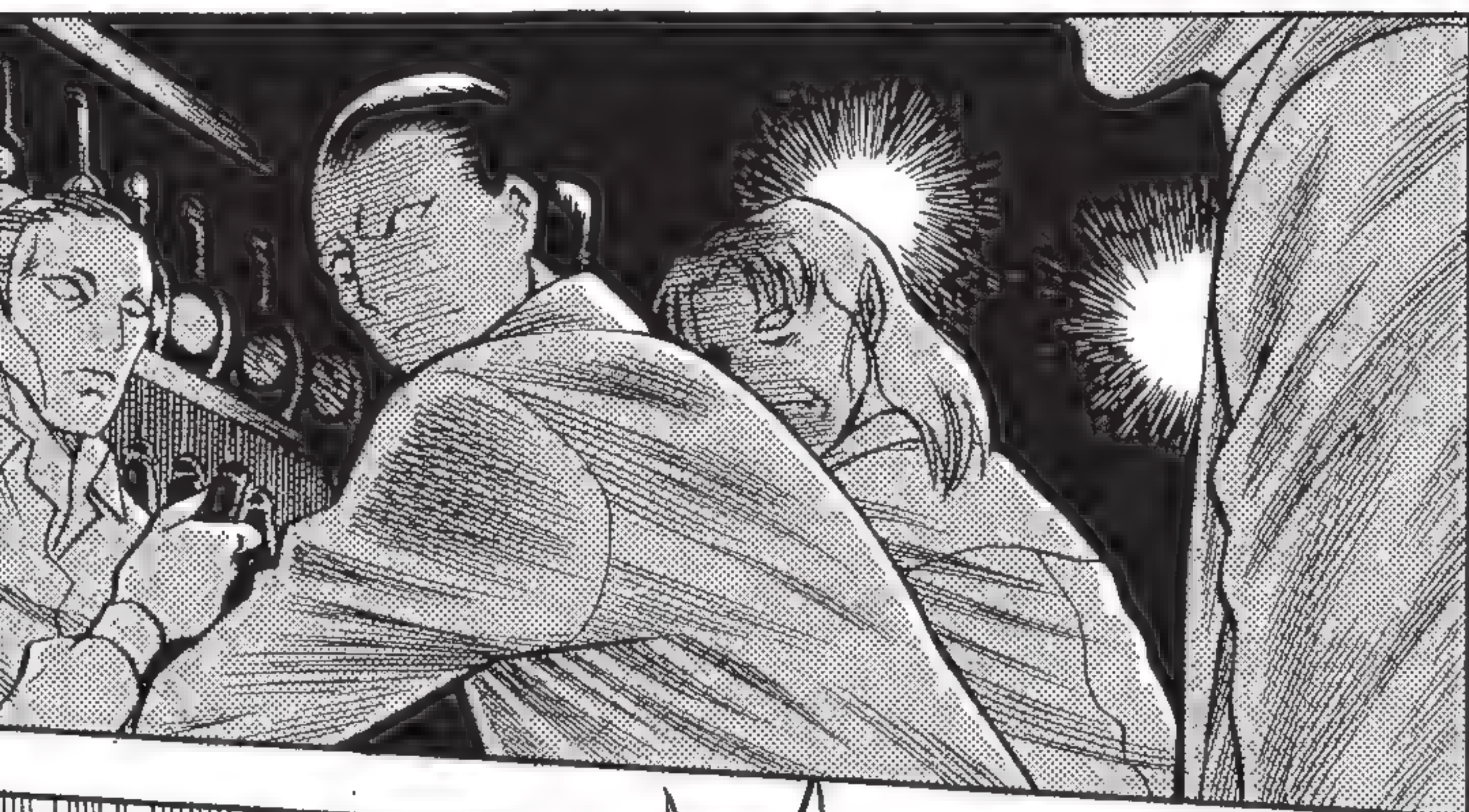
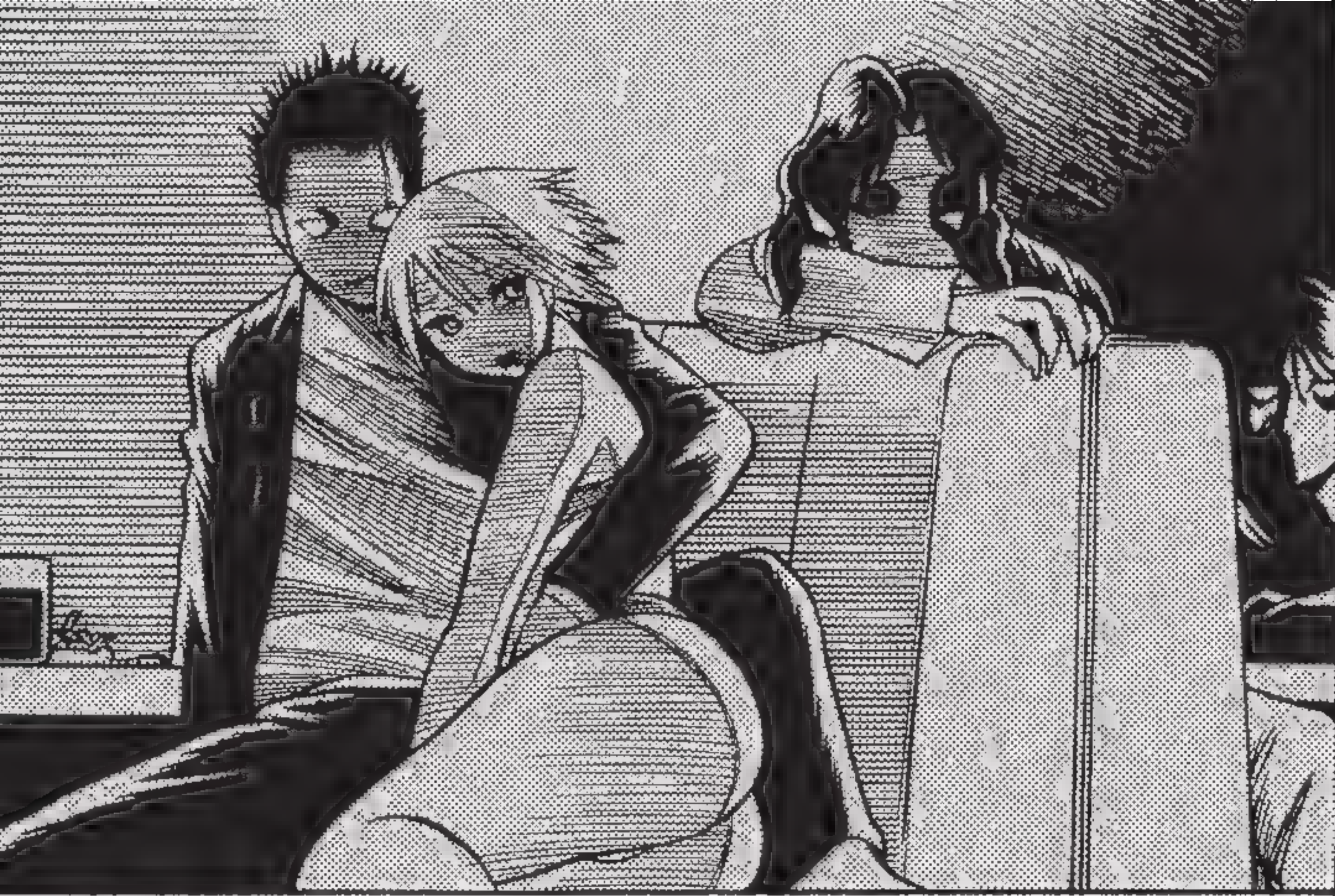








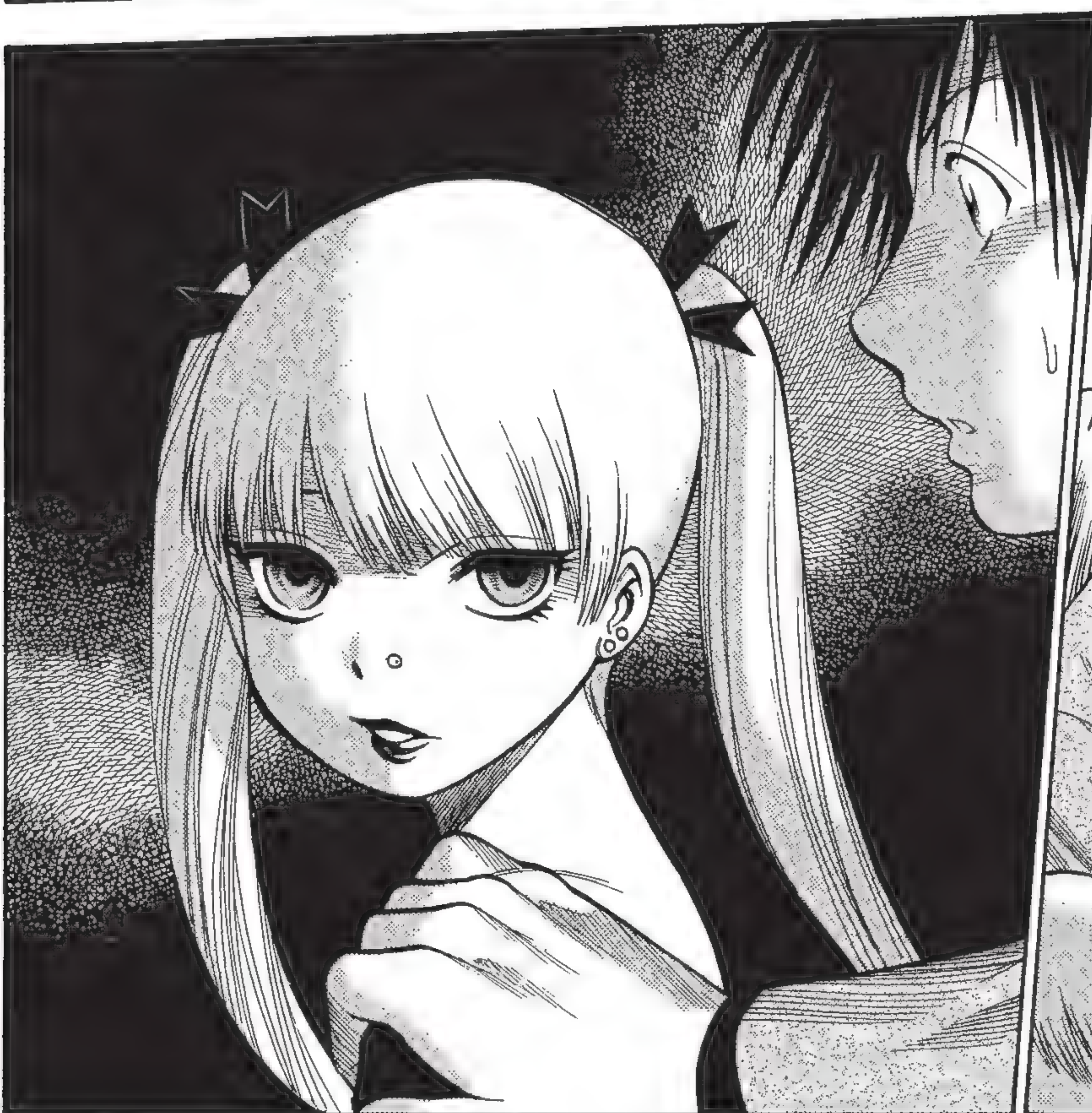
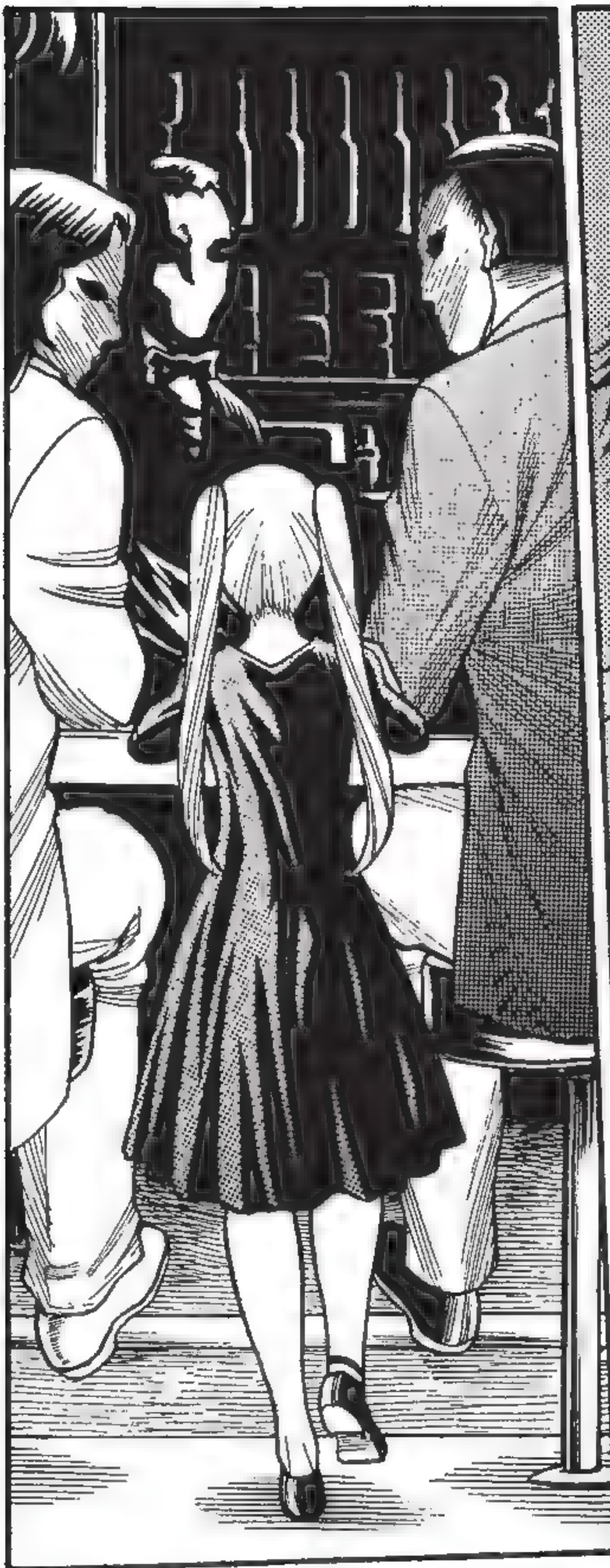
















Was sind Sie?  
Ha!?

HEY, I-I  
THOUGHT  
SHE WAS  
SOME--



Was sind  
Sie?

WAIT...  
YOU'RE  
NOT  
HER...



AH,  
W-WAIT!  
I--

Es muß Mann  
rain!

I DIDN'T  
KNOW,  
ALRIGHT  
?!!

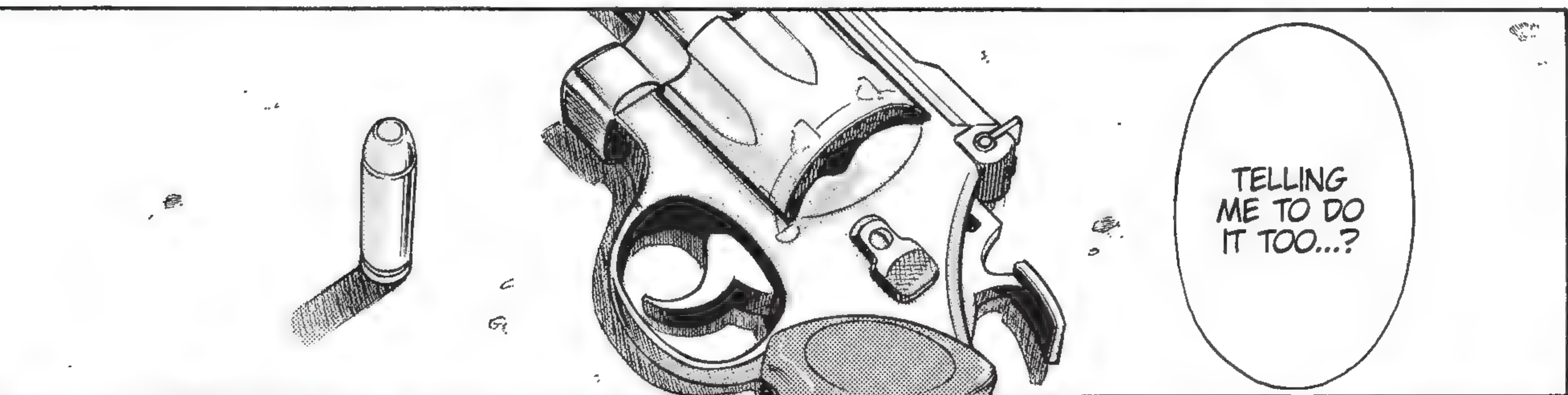
Es kam getan  
zu werden was!!



HEY,  
YOU GUYS,  
WAIT A--!!

WHAT  
...?

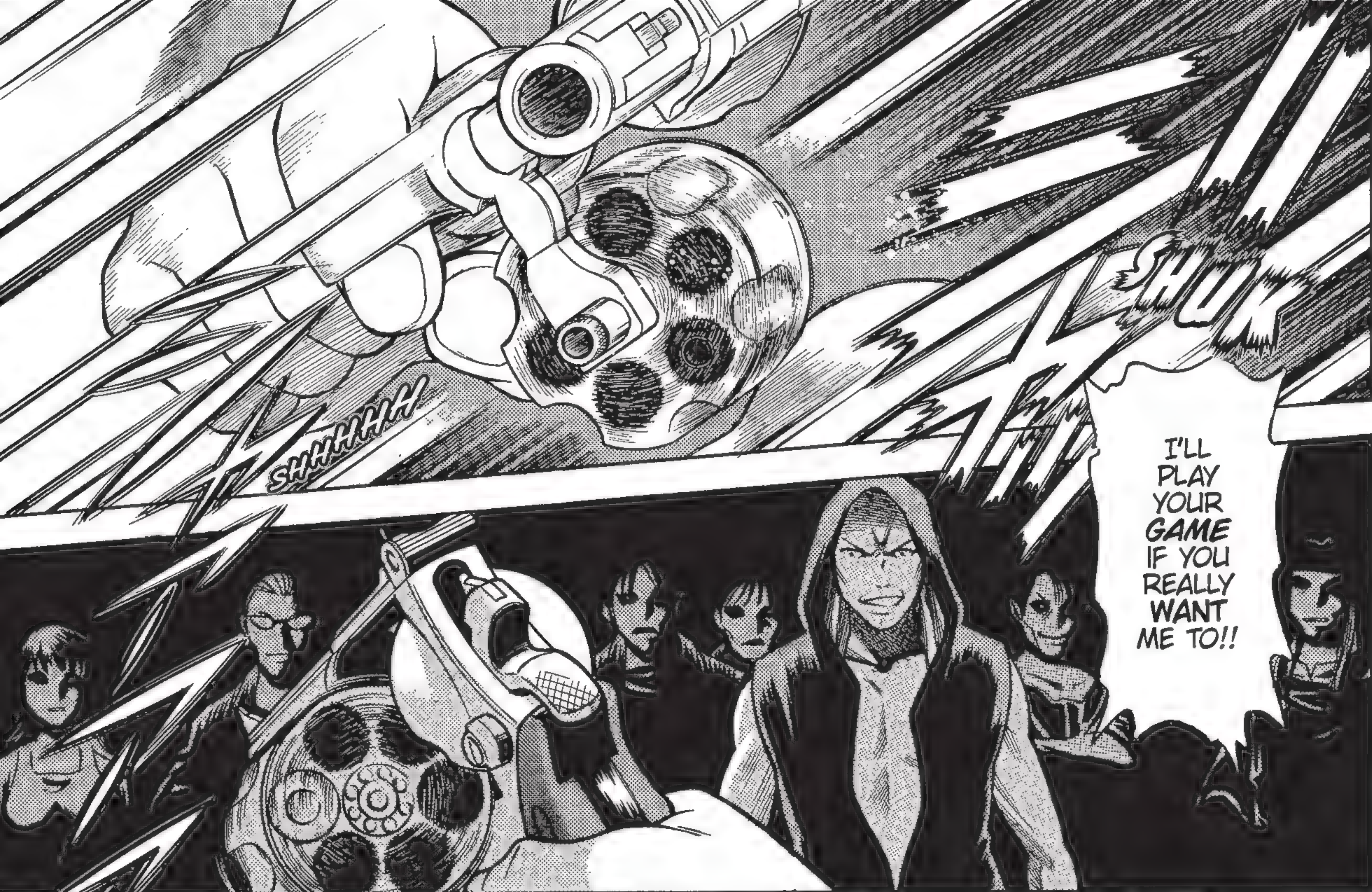




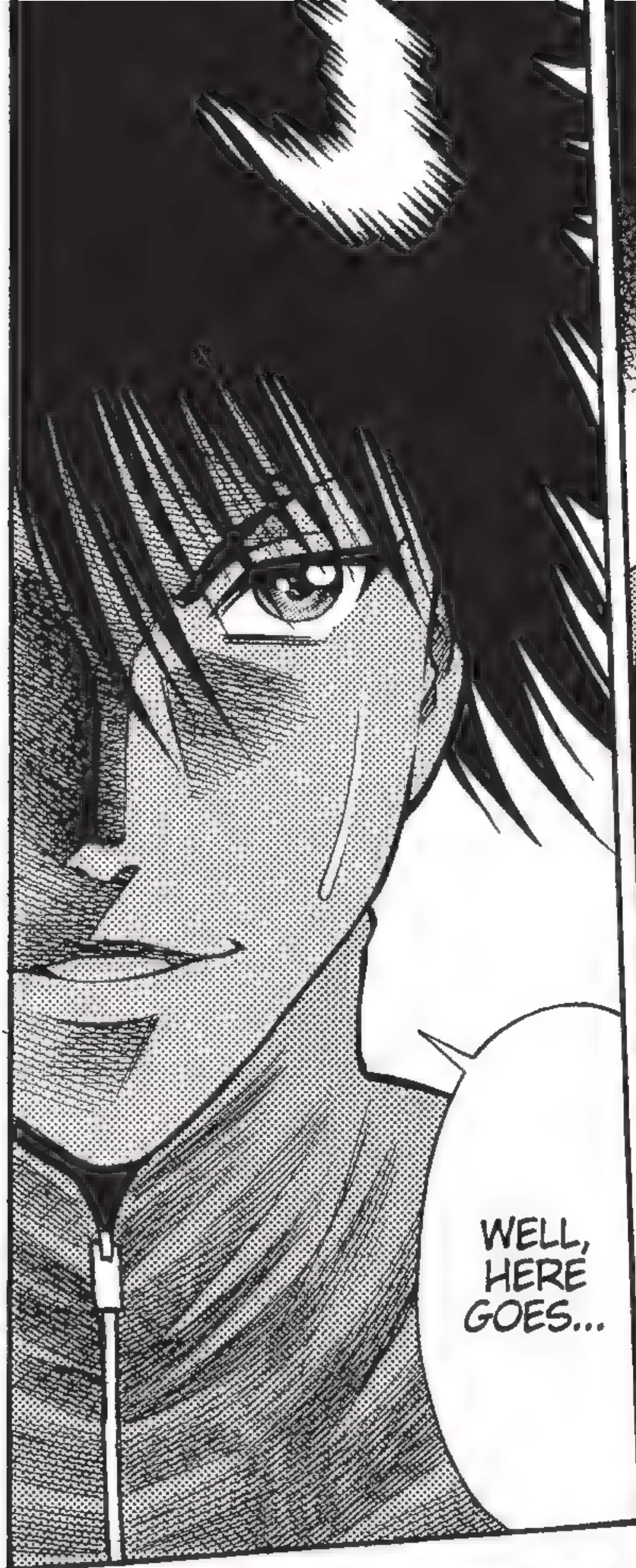




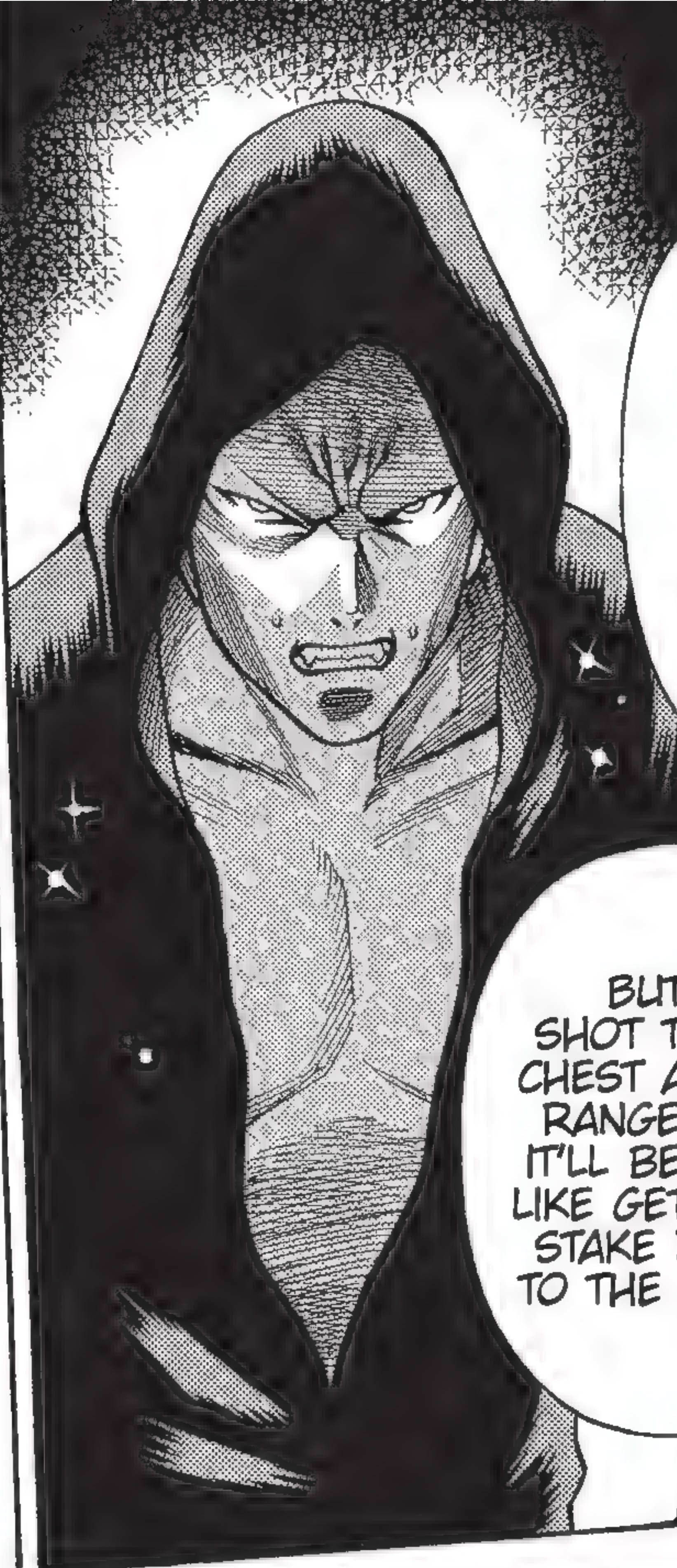






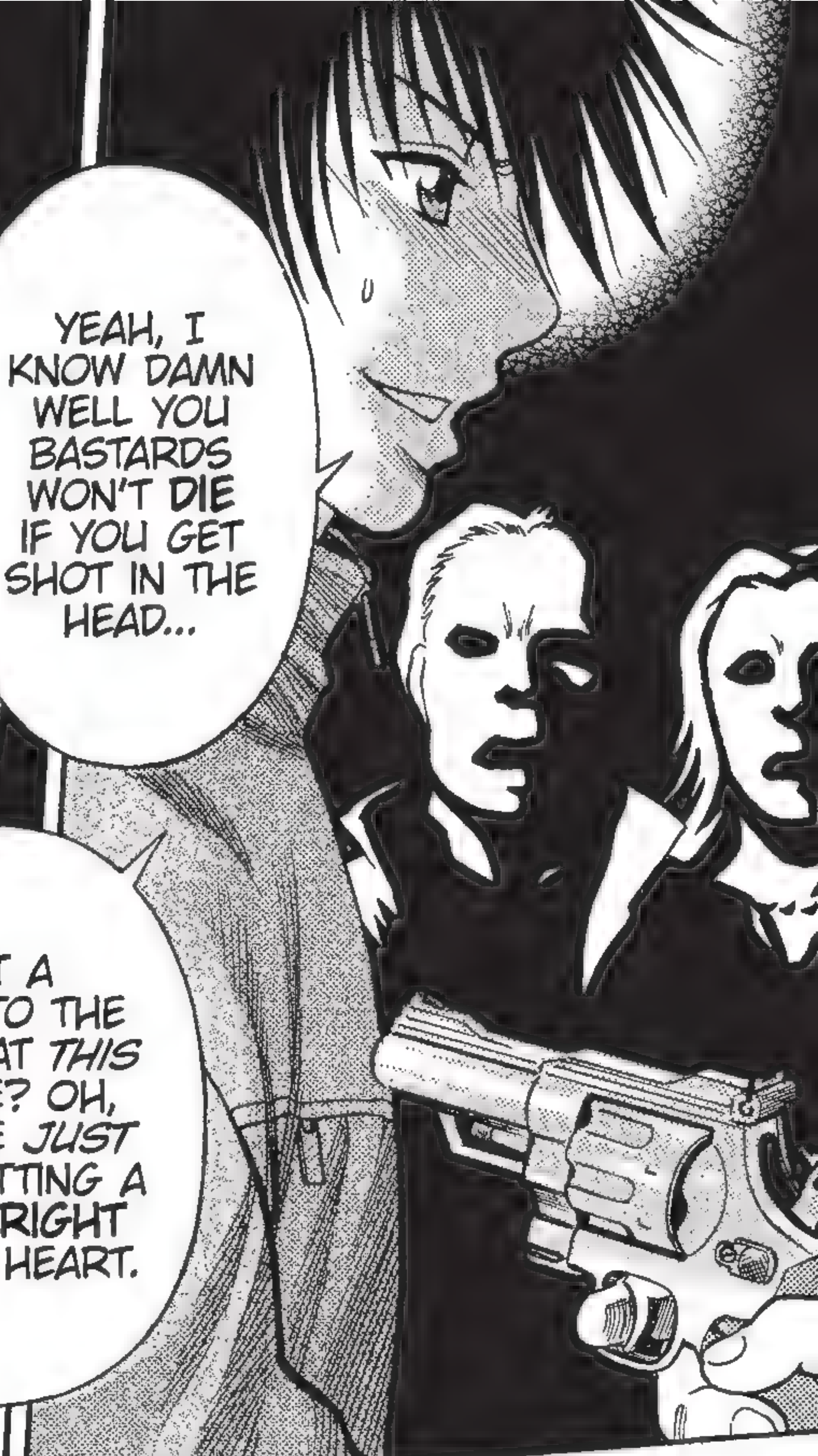


WELL,  
HERE  
GOES...

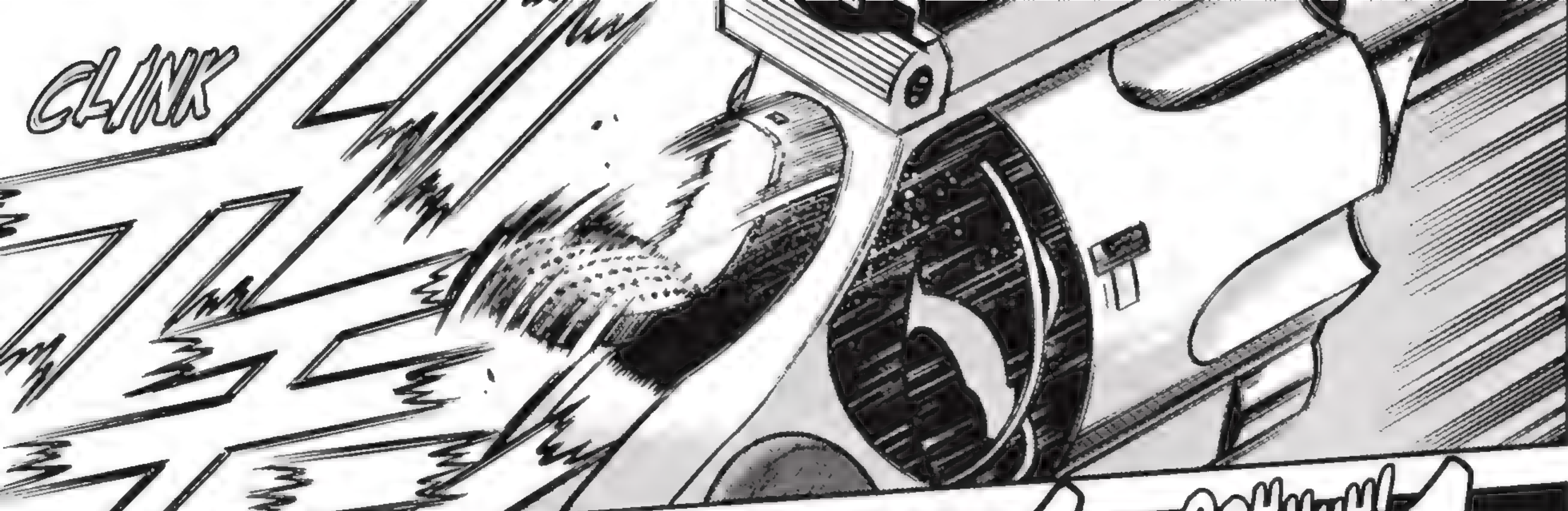


YEAH, I  
KNOW DAMN  
WELL YOU  
BASTARDS  
WON'T DIE  
IF YOU GET  
SHOT IN THE  
HEAD...

BUT A  
SHOT TO THE  
CHEST AT THIS  
RANGE? OH,  
IT'LL BE JUST  
LIKE GETTING A  
STAKE RIGHT  
TO THE HEART.



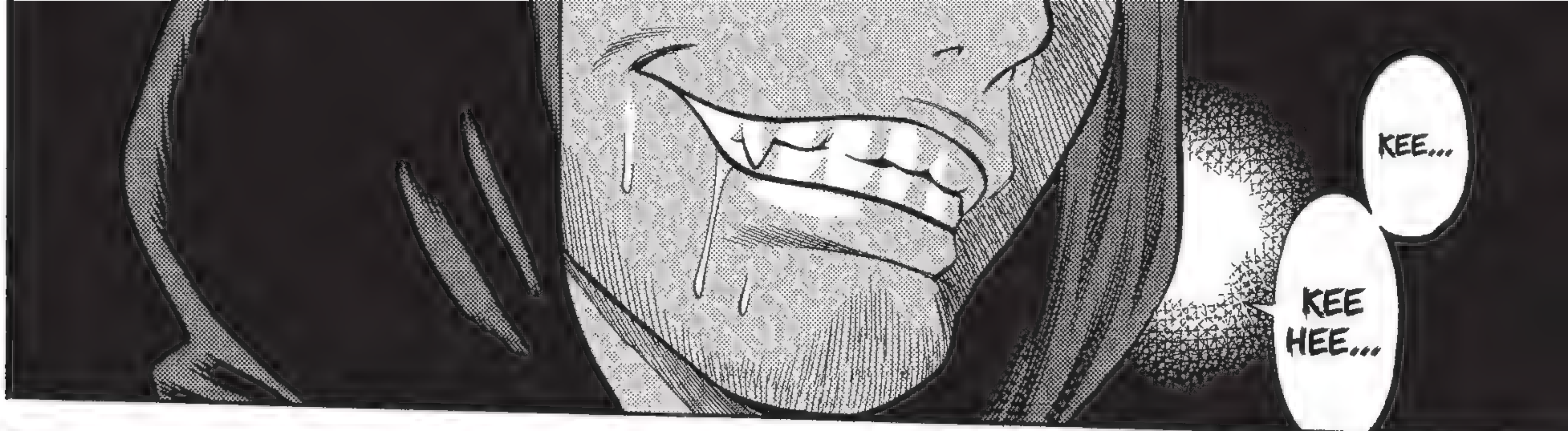




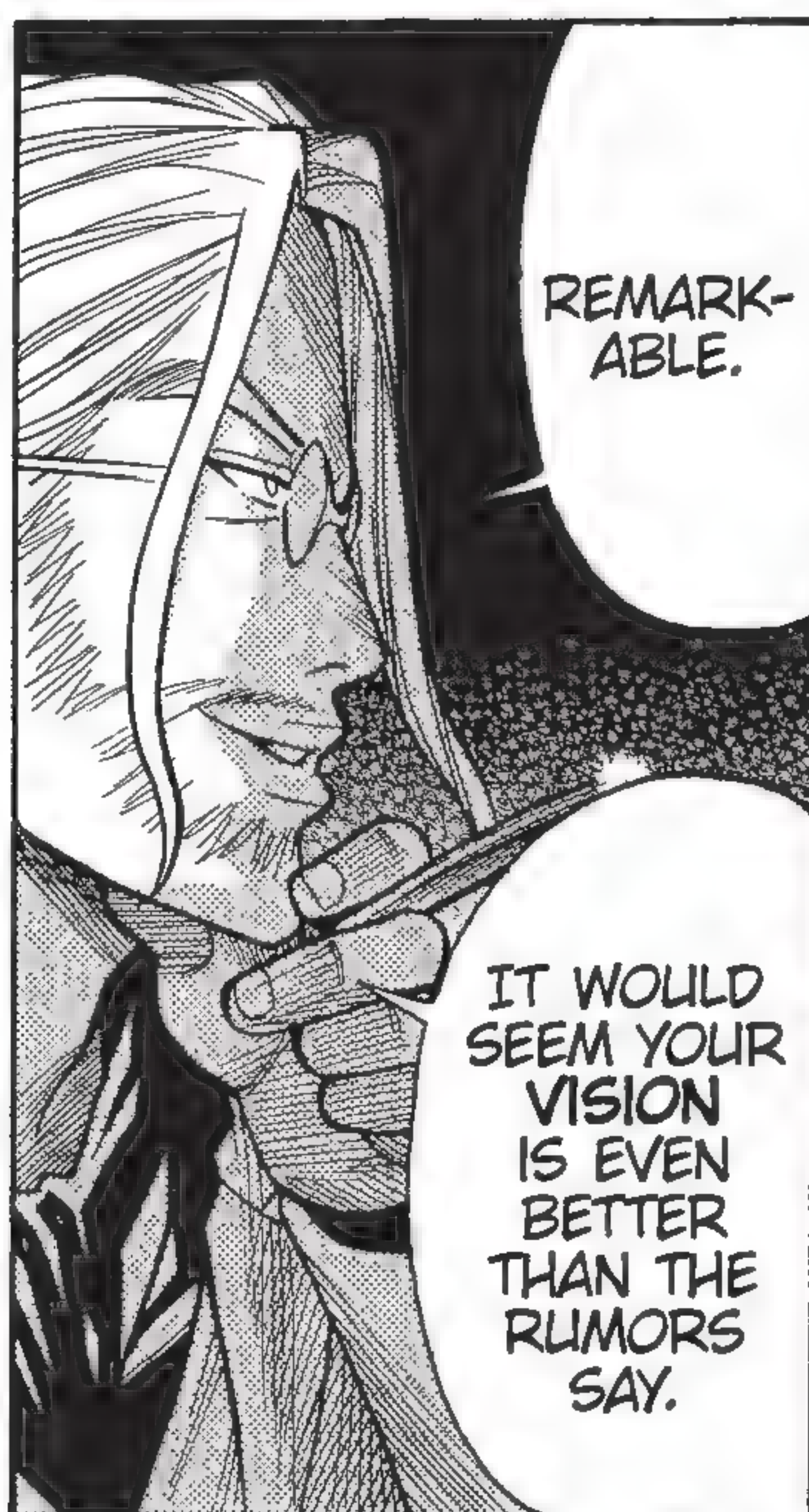
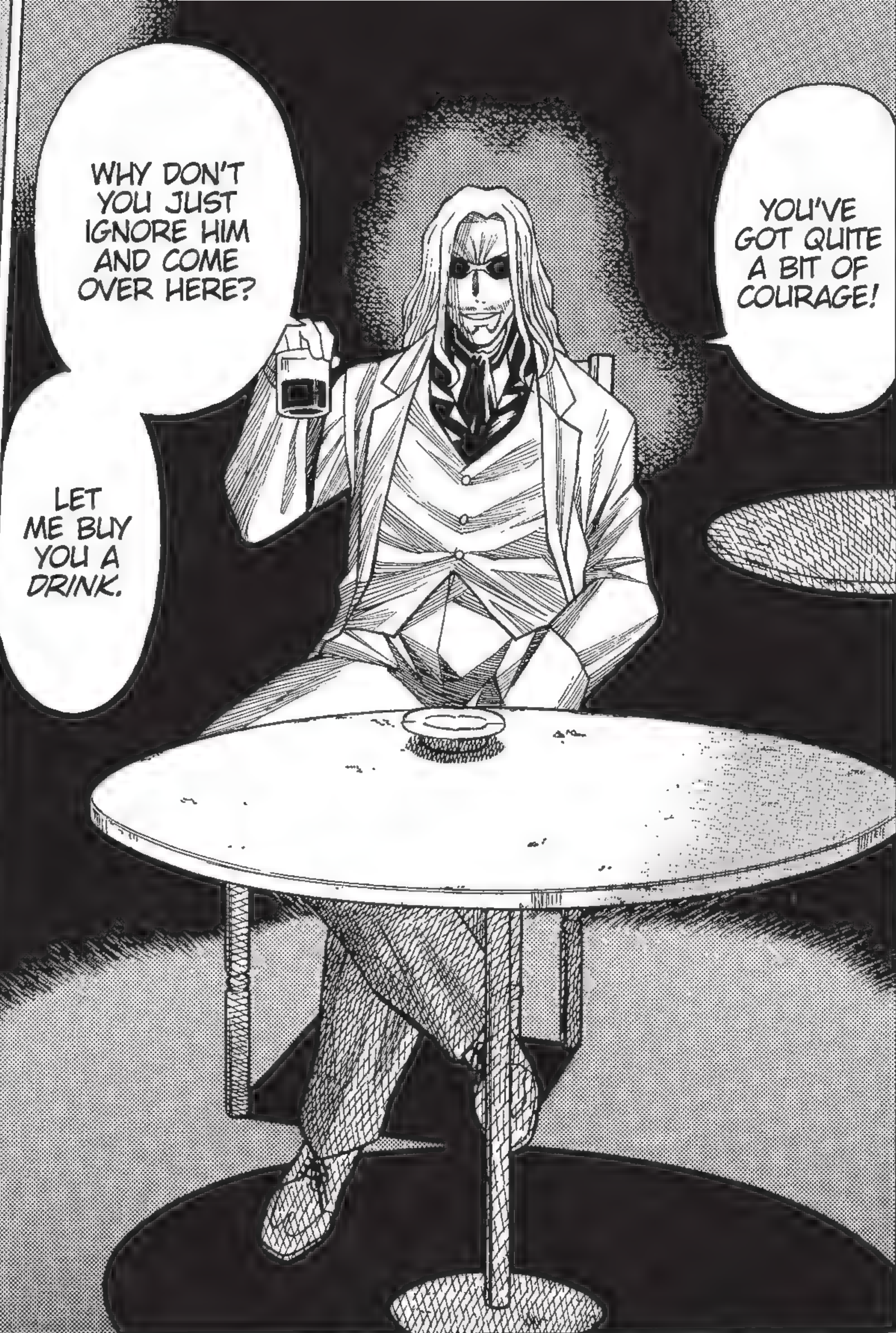
SAY,  
"THERE'S  
ONE  
ROUND"!!

SAY  
IT.

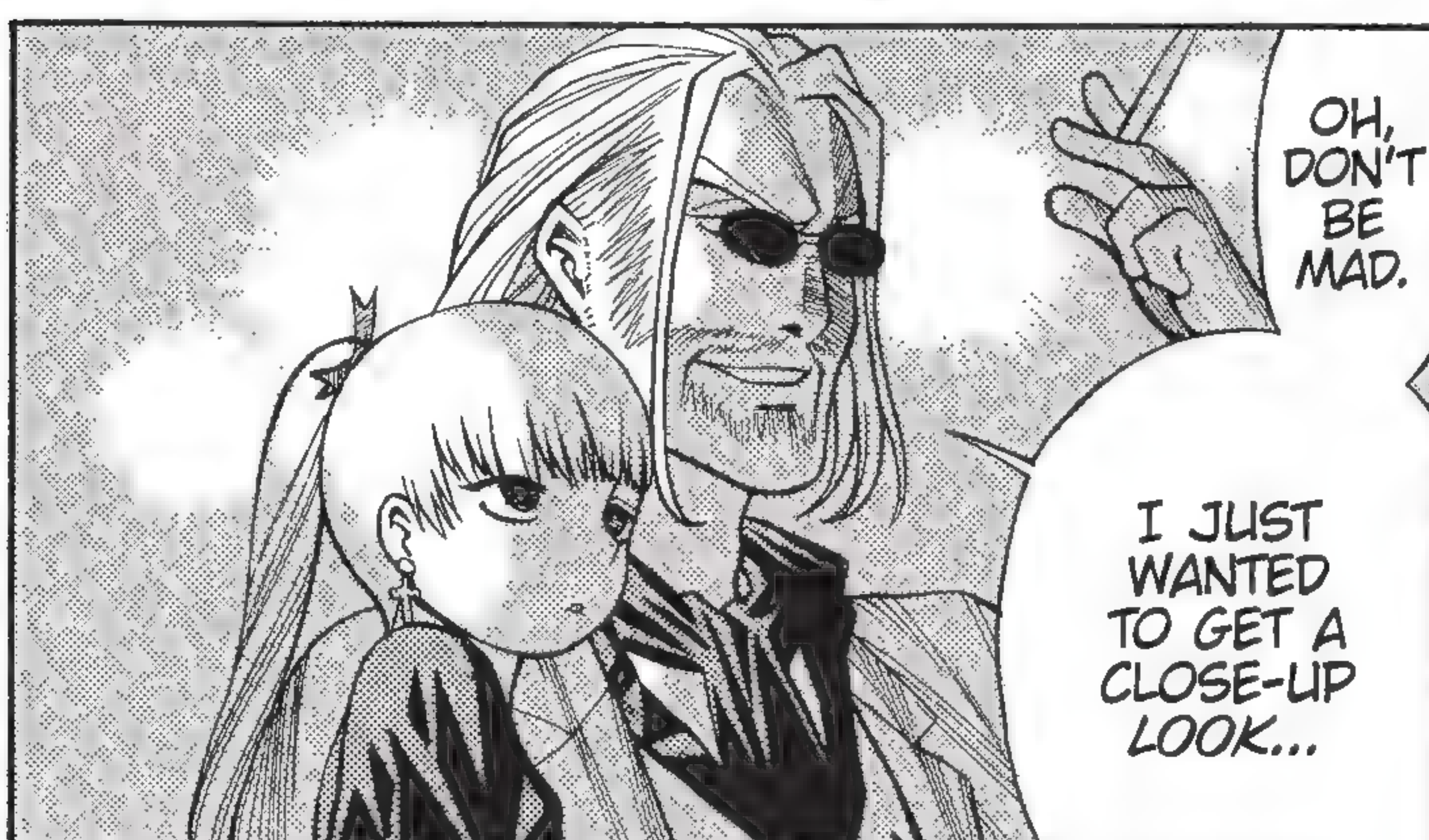
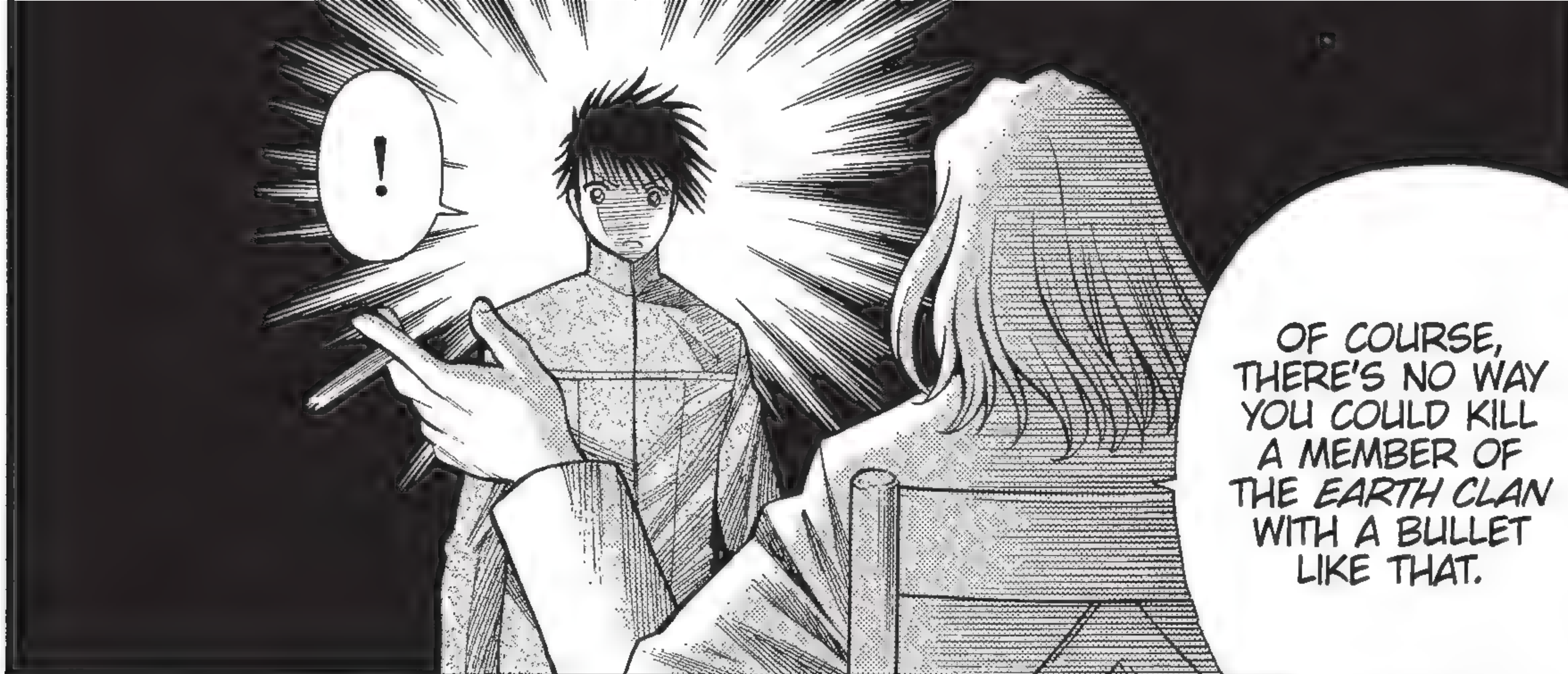




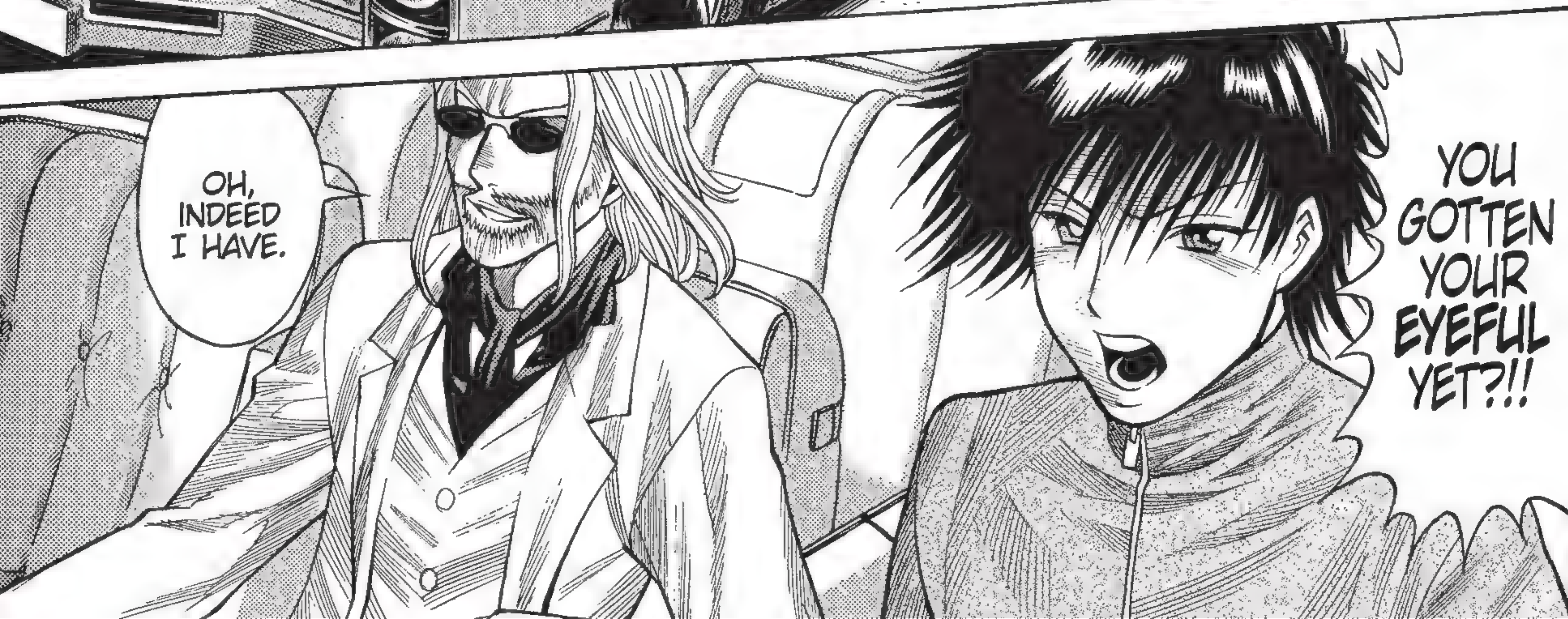
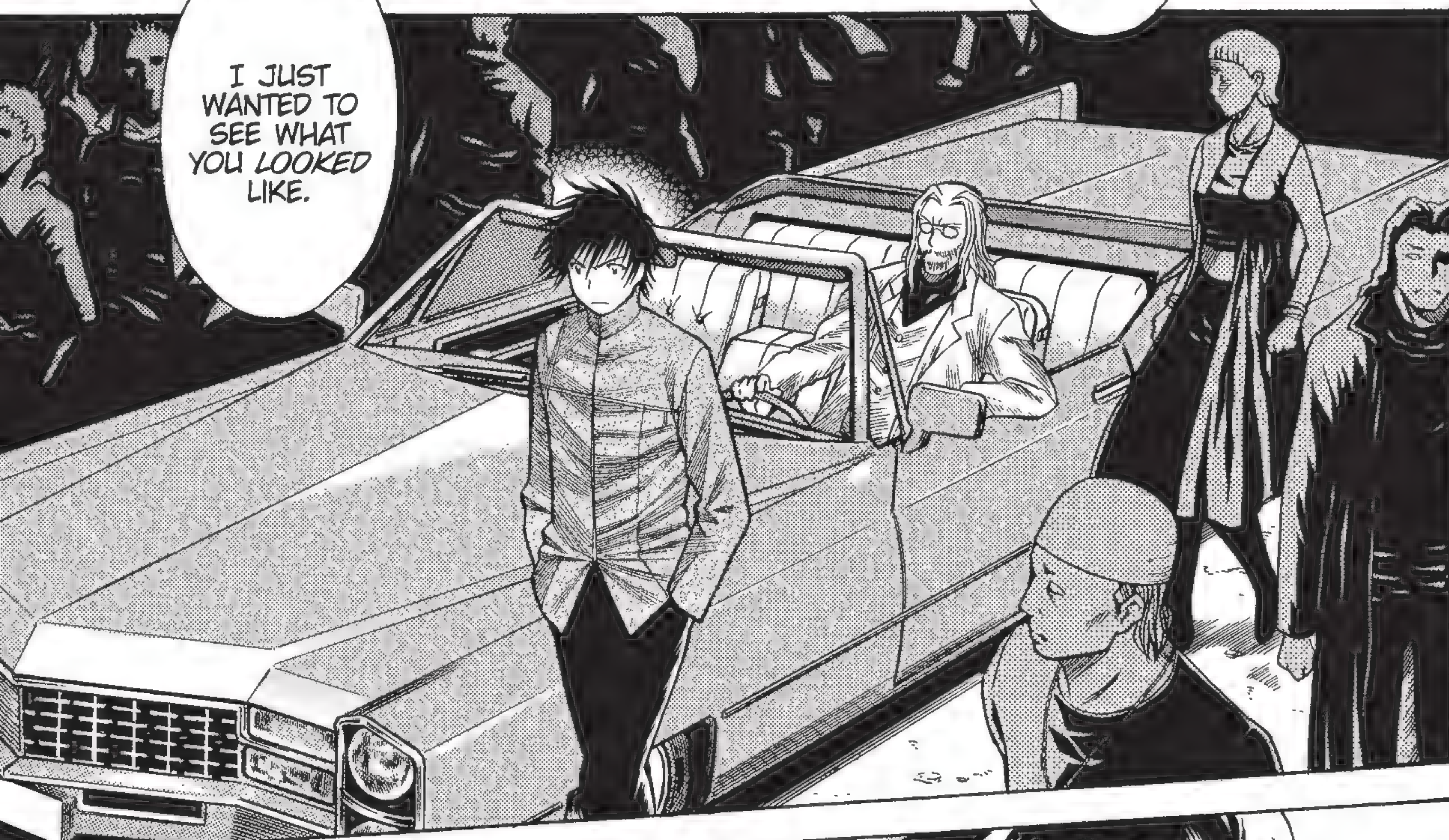




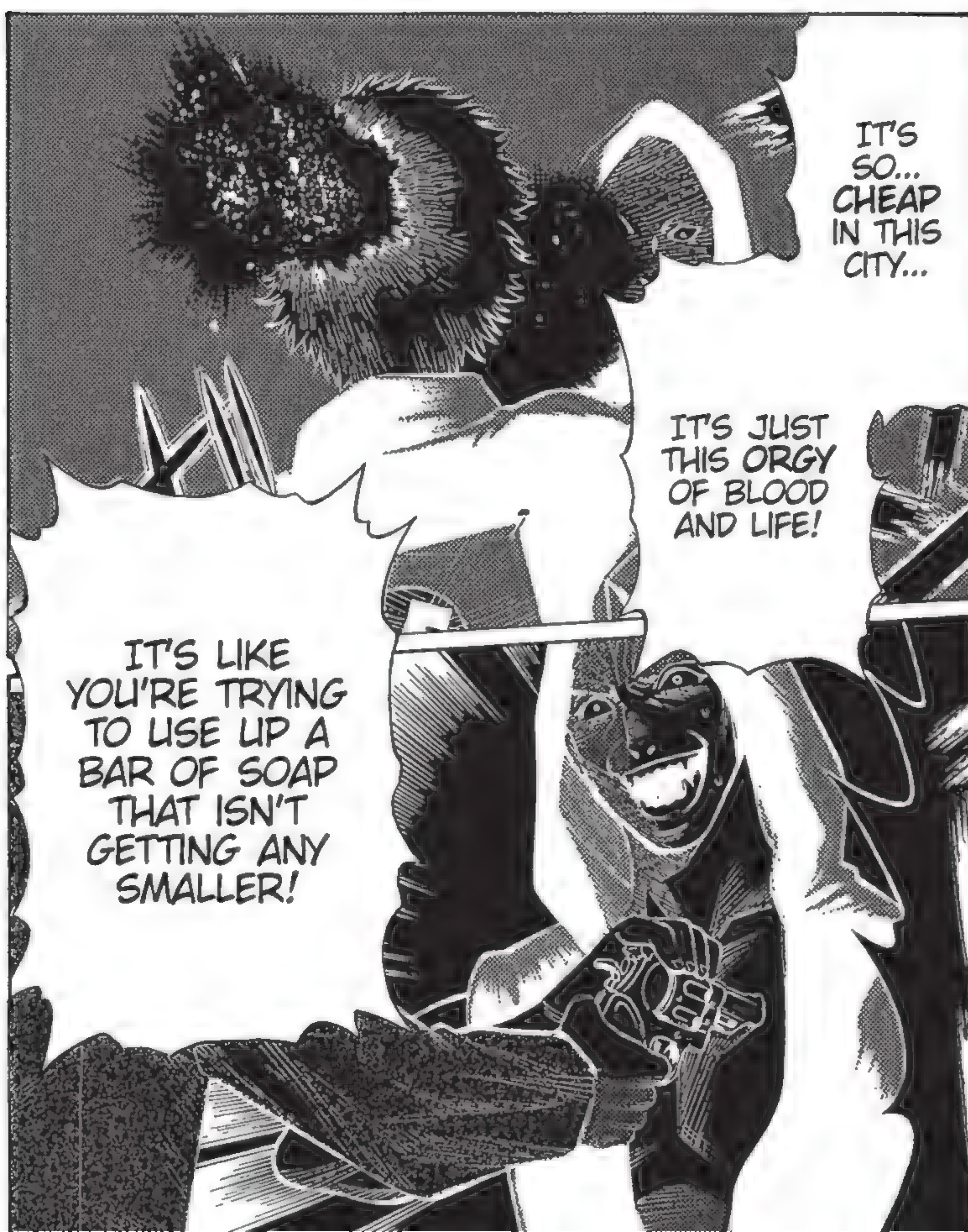
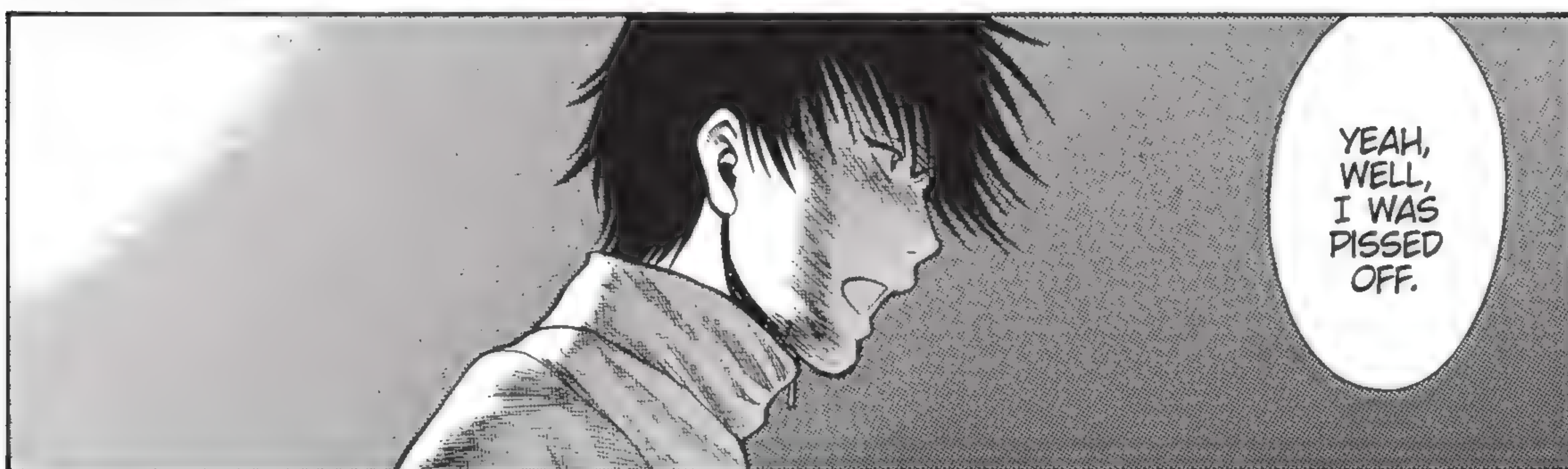
















THAT'S  
WHAT  
VAMPIRES  
ARE LIKE.

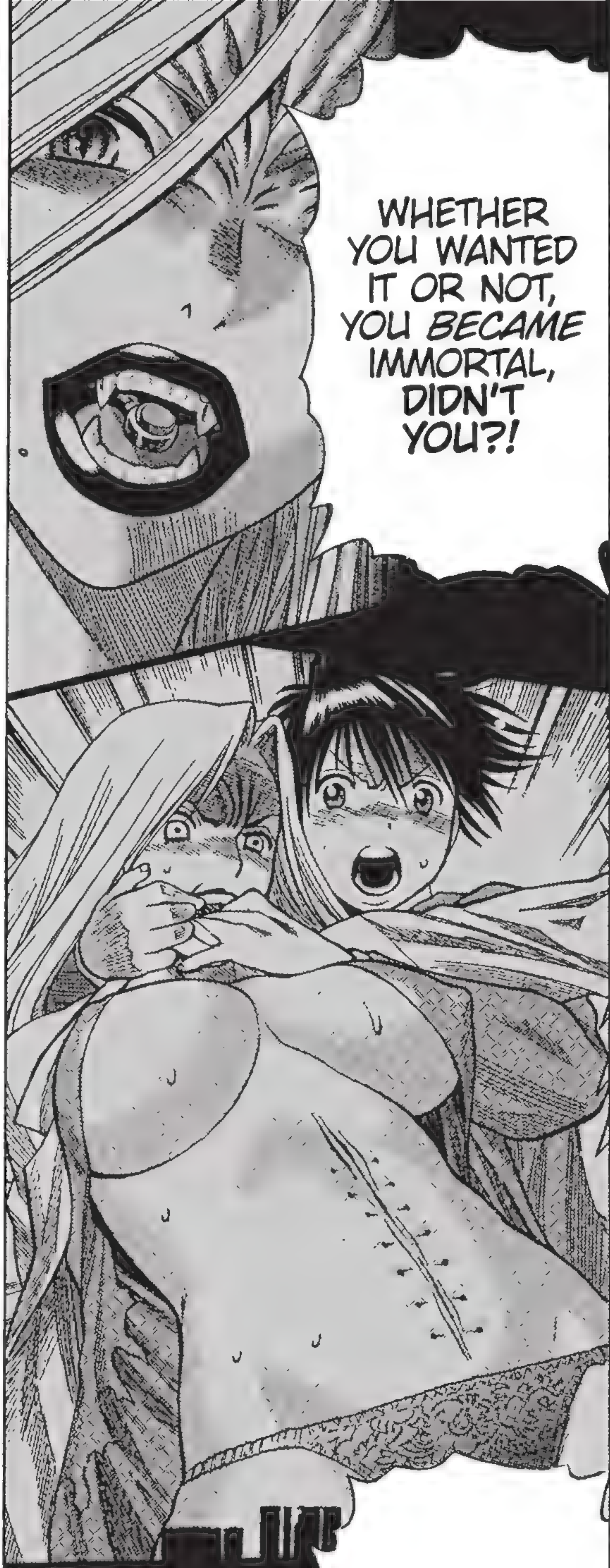


AND  
DEVOUR  
EVERY-  
THING IN  
SIGHT.

WE  
STAMPEDE  
LIKE CRAZED  
STALLIONS,  
FUELLED BY  
OUR LUST  
AND  
DESIRES...



ETERNAL  
LIFE, TOO,  
IS JUST  
A FUEL,  
AFTER ALL.



WHETHER  
YOU WANTED  
IT OR NOT,  
YOU BECAME  
IMMORTAL,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?!



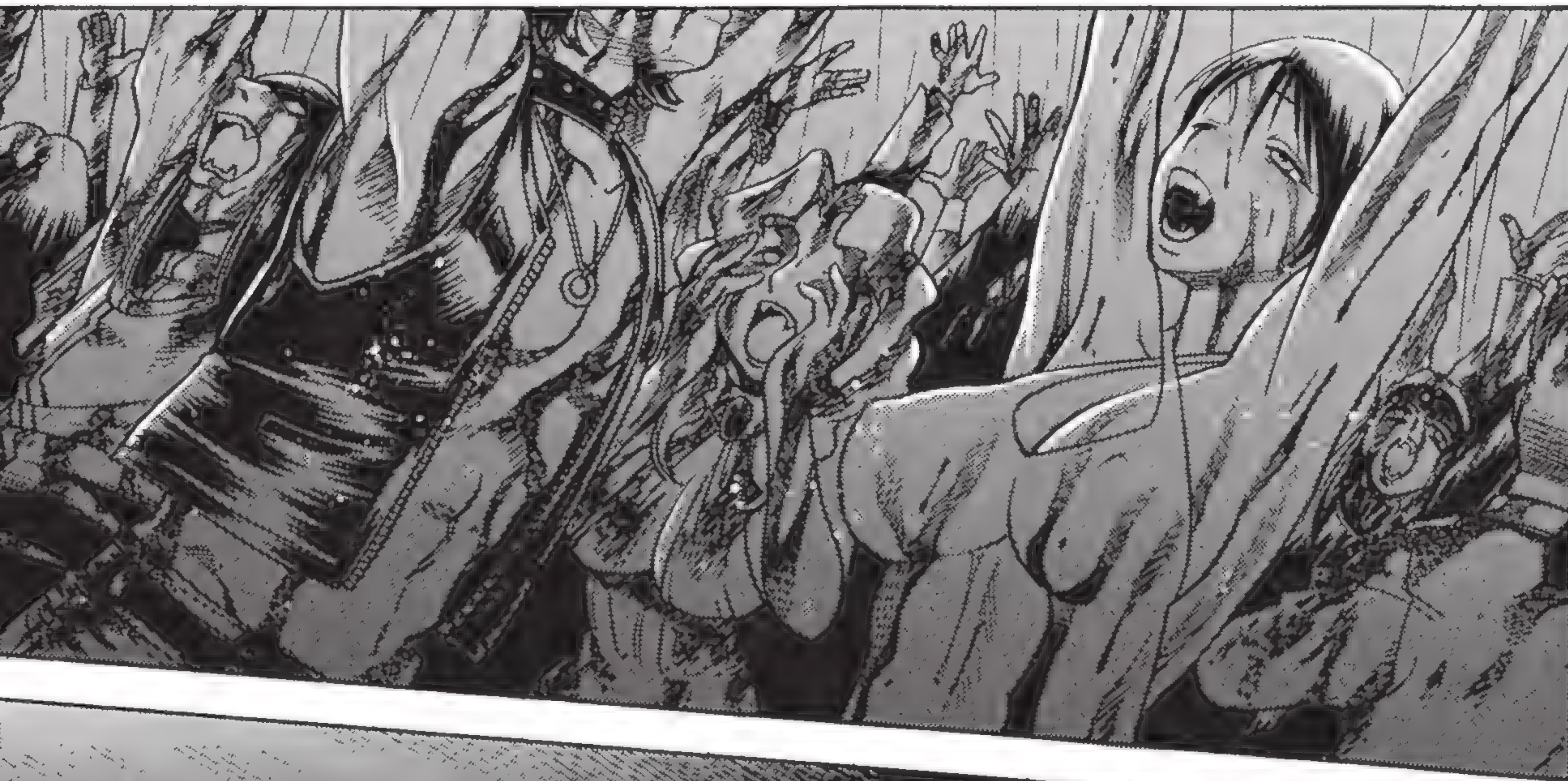
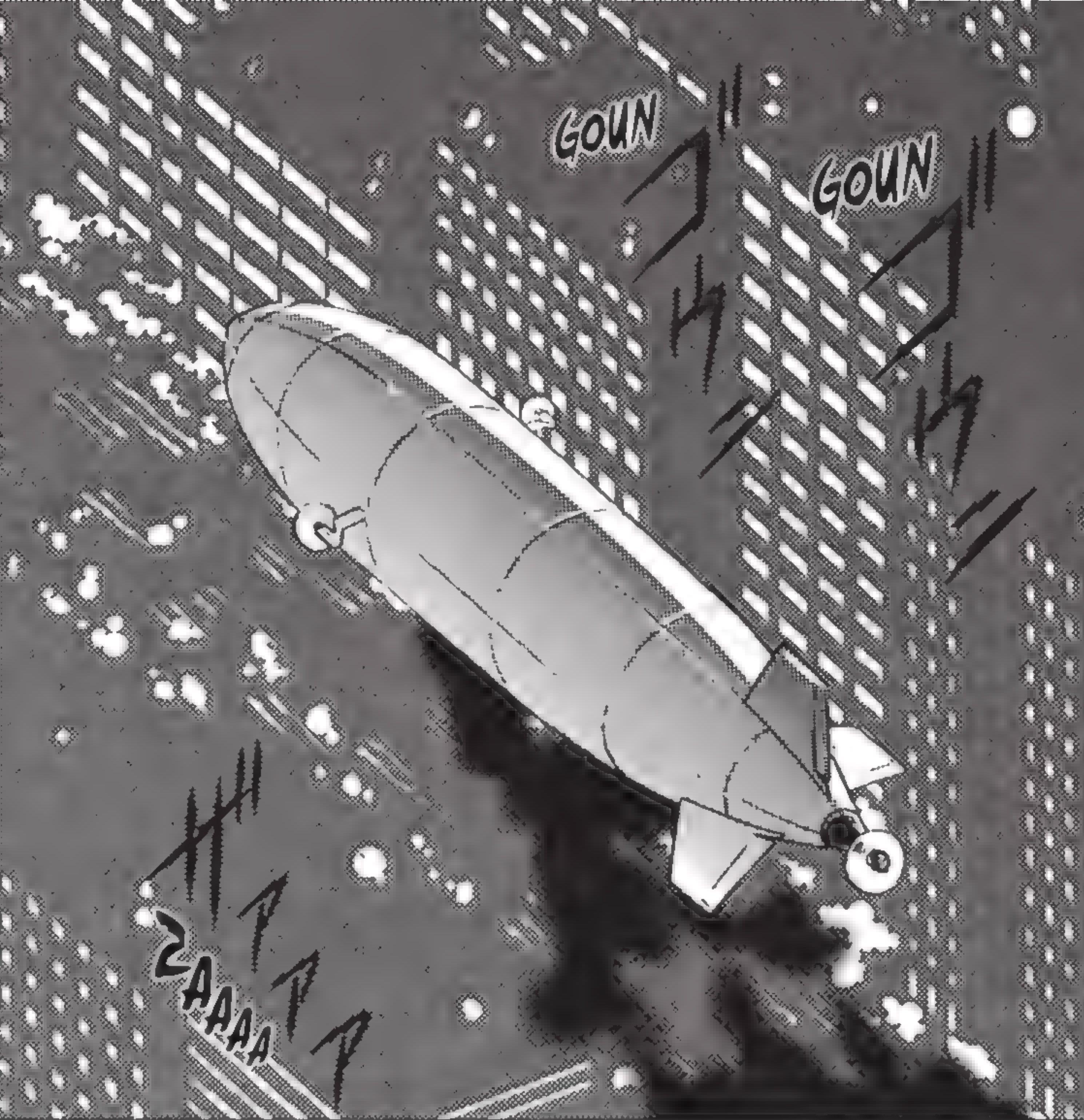
DON'T  
YOU THINK  
THAT'S A  
WASTE?!

HOW CAN  
YOU JUST  
THROW IT  
AWAY SO  
EASILY?!











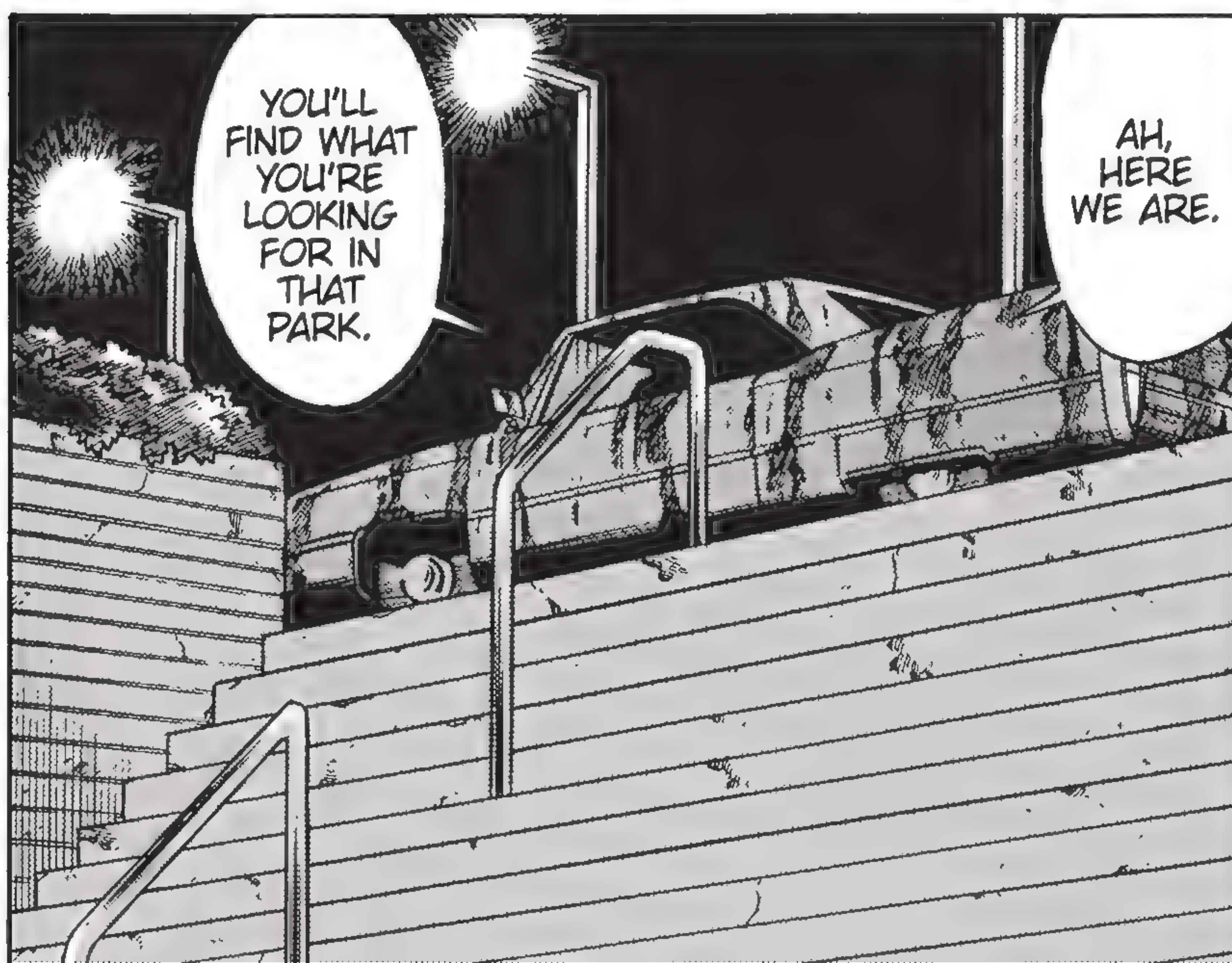


WHY  
DO YOU  
THINK THE  
PRINCESS  
BUILT THIS  
ISLAND?

NOW,  
TELL ME,  
BOY...



WHY  
WERE WE  
GATHERED  
HERE?



YOU'LL  
FIND WHAT  
YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
FOR IN  
THAT  
PARK.

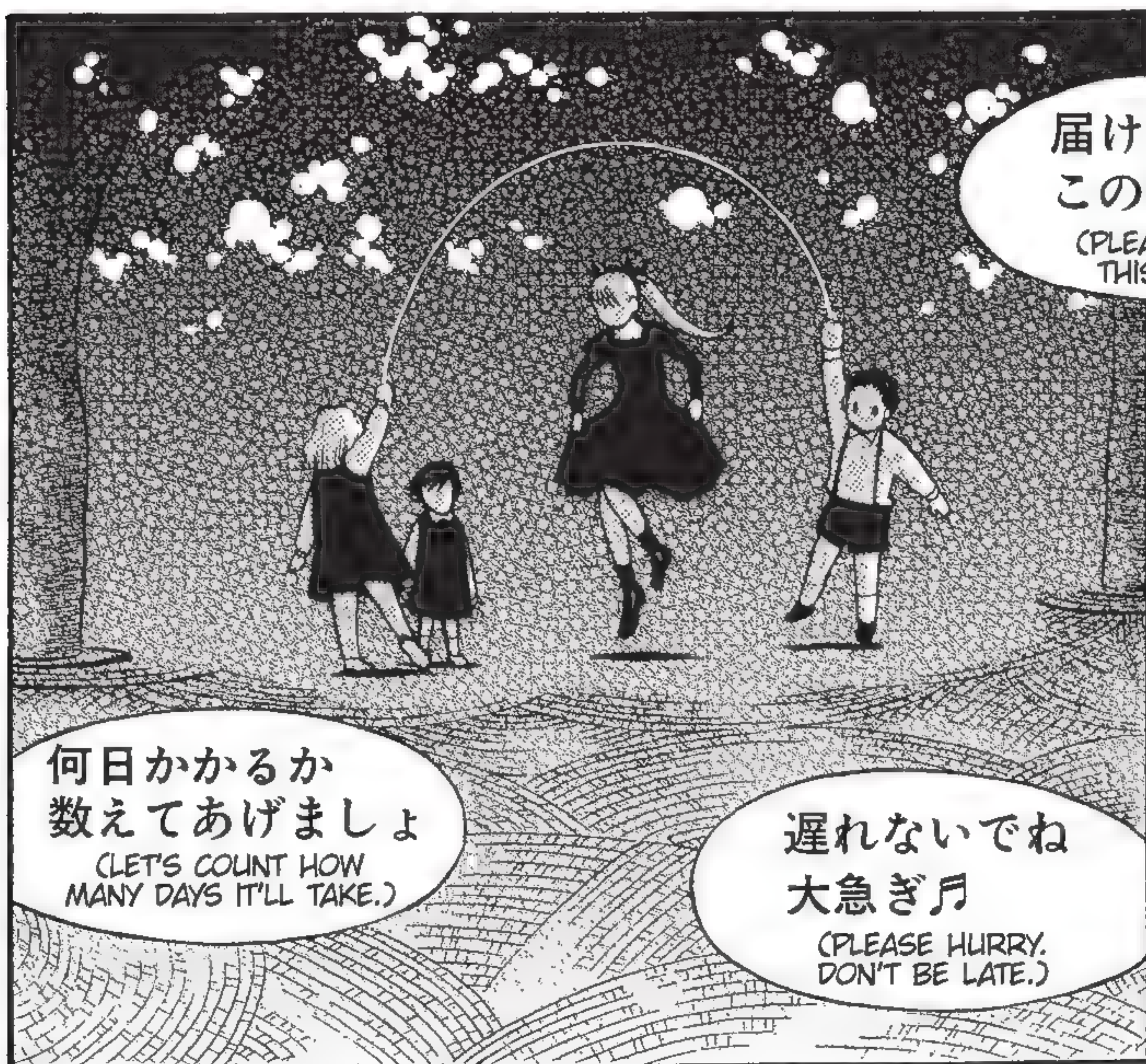
AH,  
HERE  
WE ARE.



PERSON-  
ALLY, I  
DON'T MIND  
CRAZY  
PARTYING...

BUT  
I CAN'T  
STAND  
HOW MUCH  
I HAVE  
TO WASH  
MY CAR.



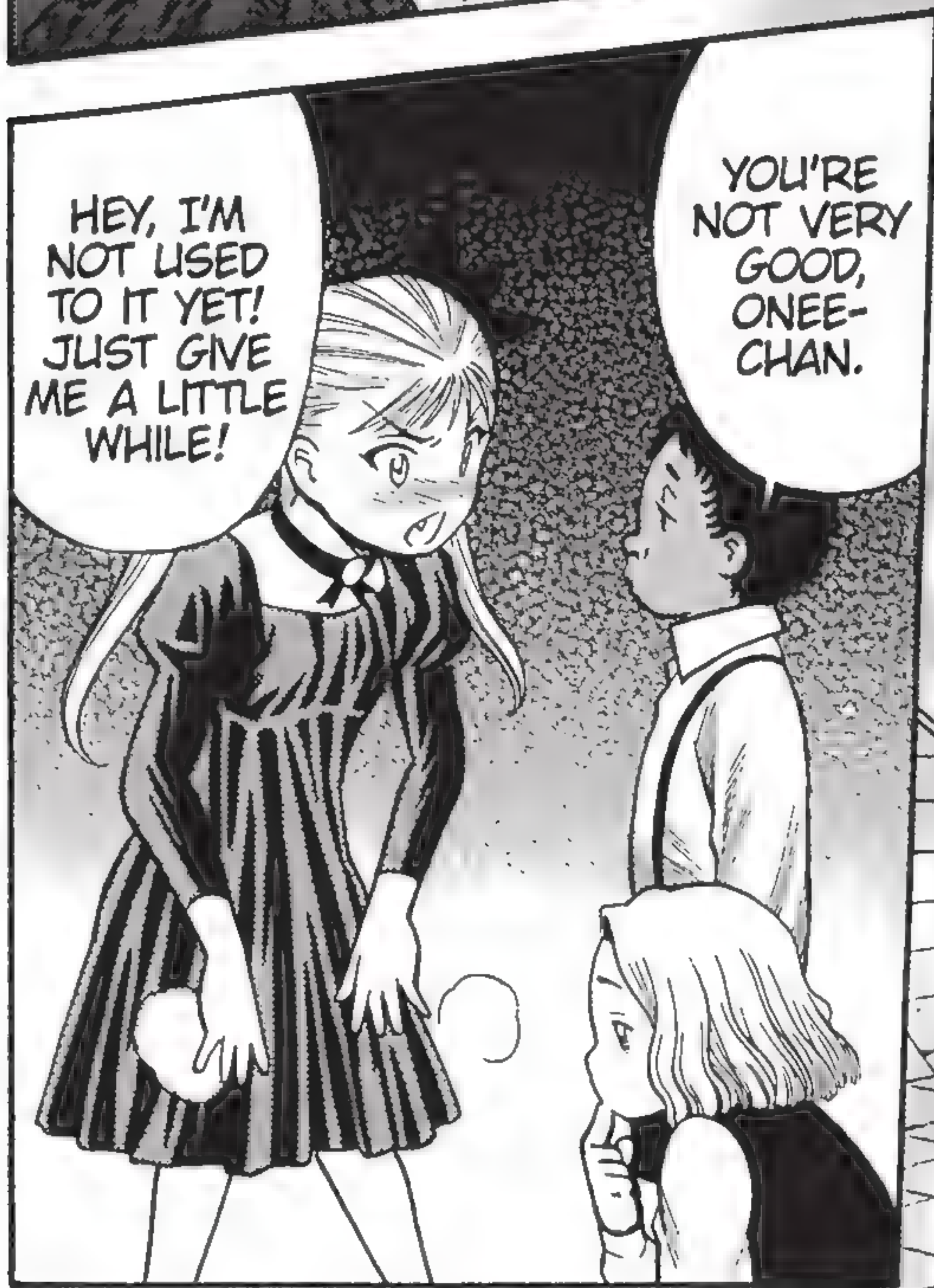






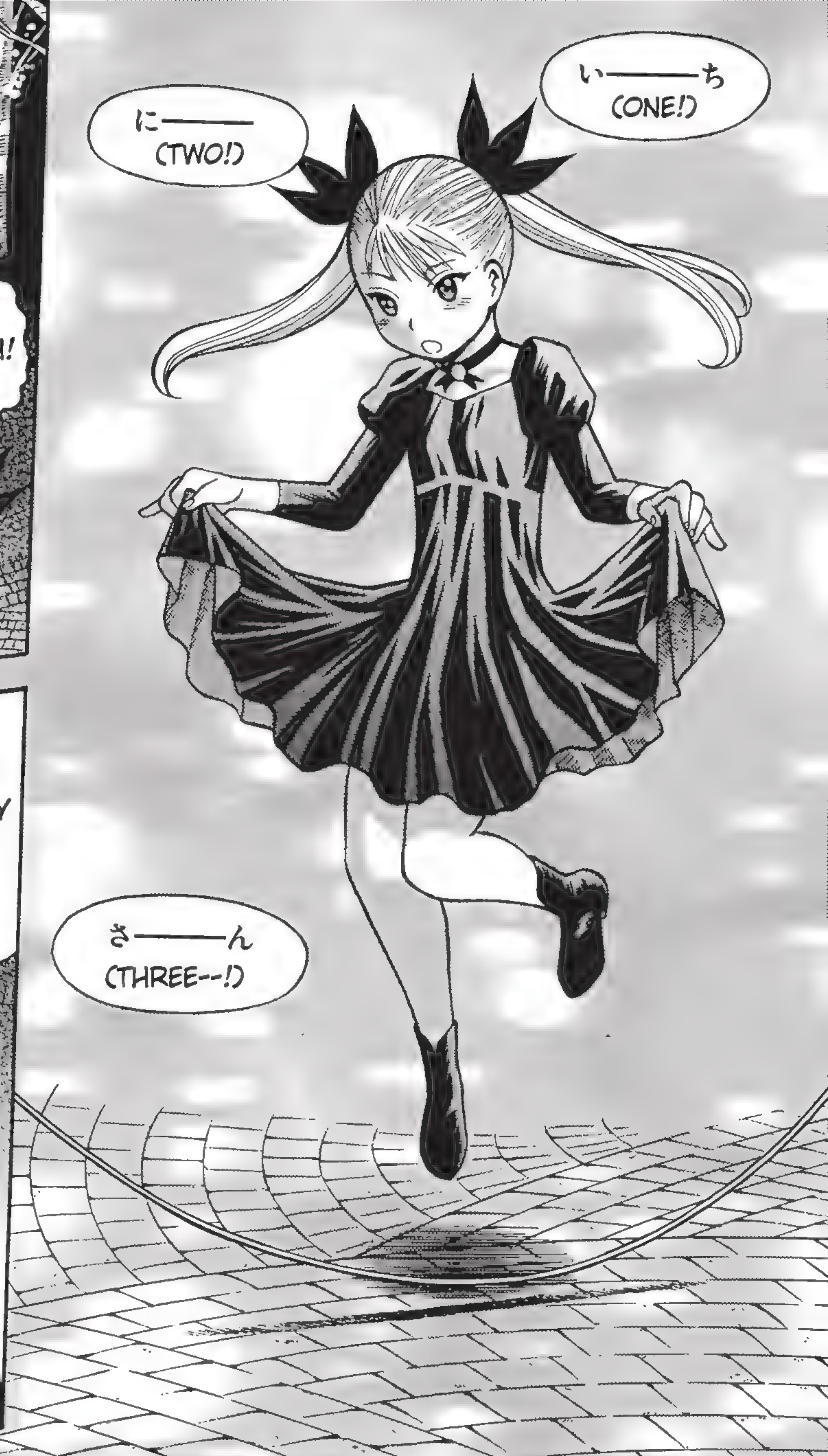
AWWW!

AHH!



HEY, I'M NOT USED TO IT YET! JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE WHILE!

YOU'RE NOT VERY GOOD, ONEE-CHAN.



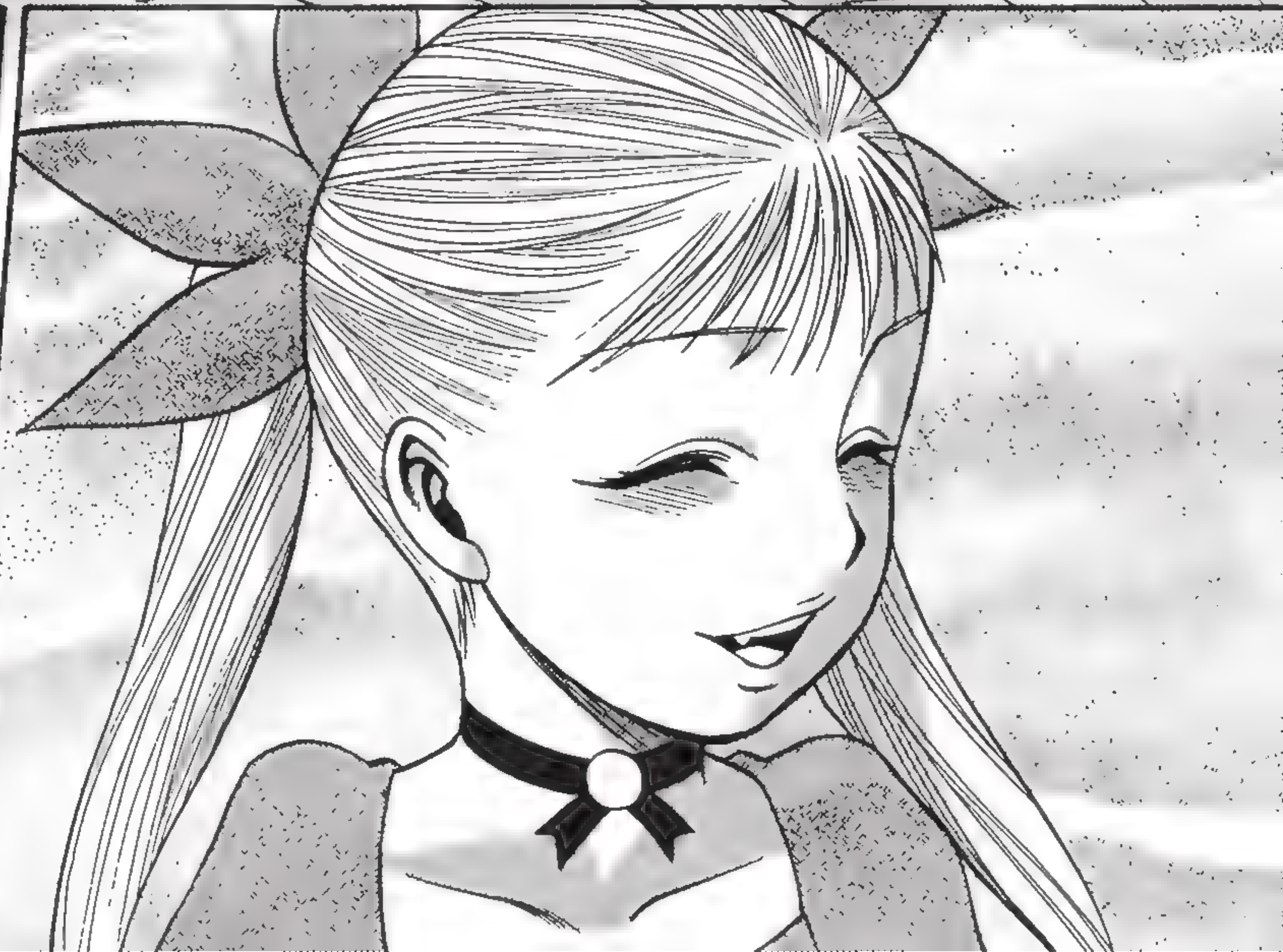
に——ん  
(TWO!)

い——ち  
(ONE!)

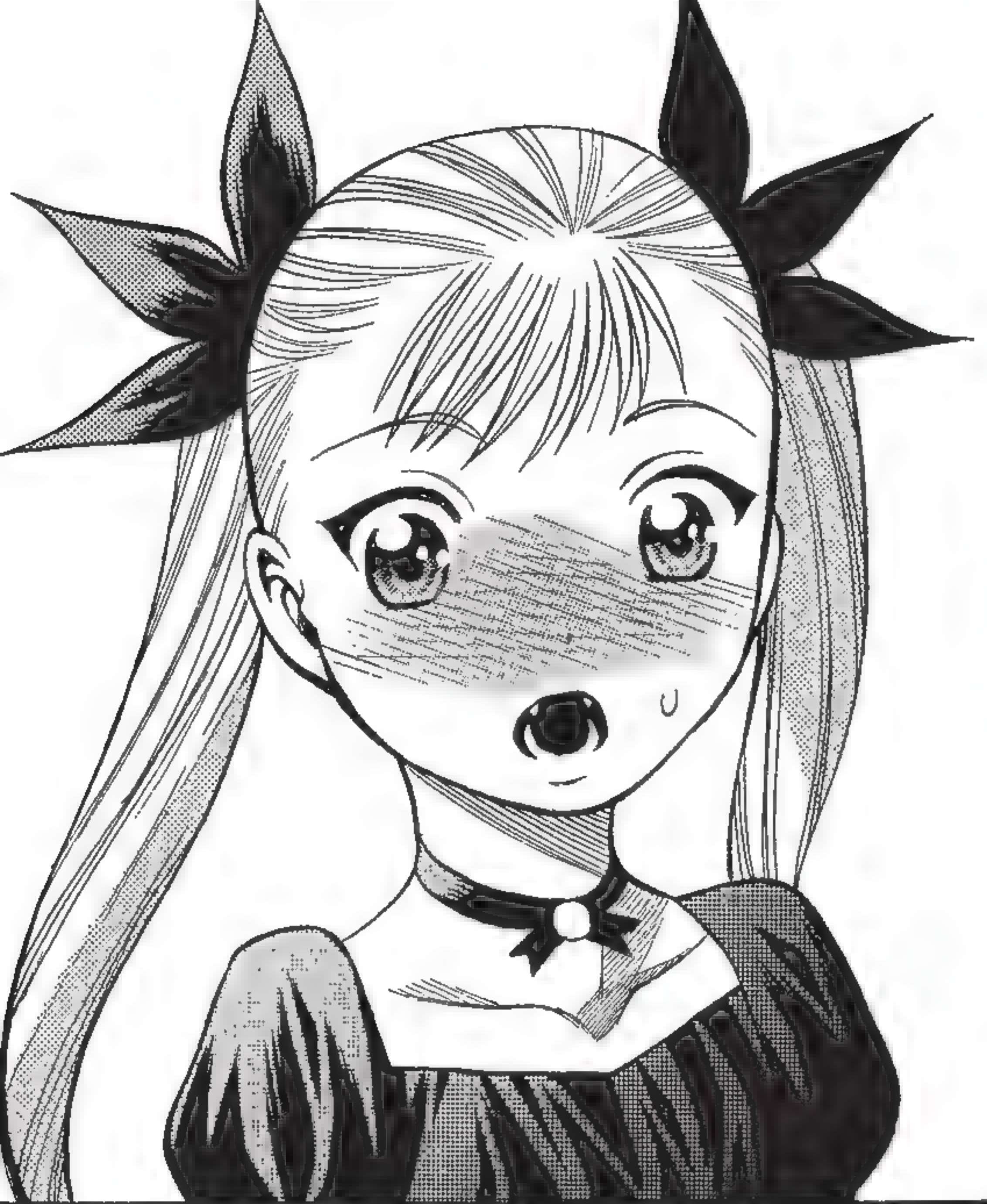
さ——ん  
(THREE--!)



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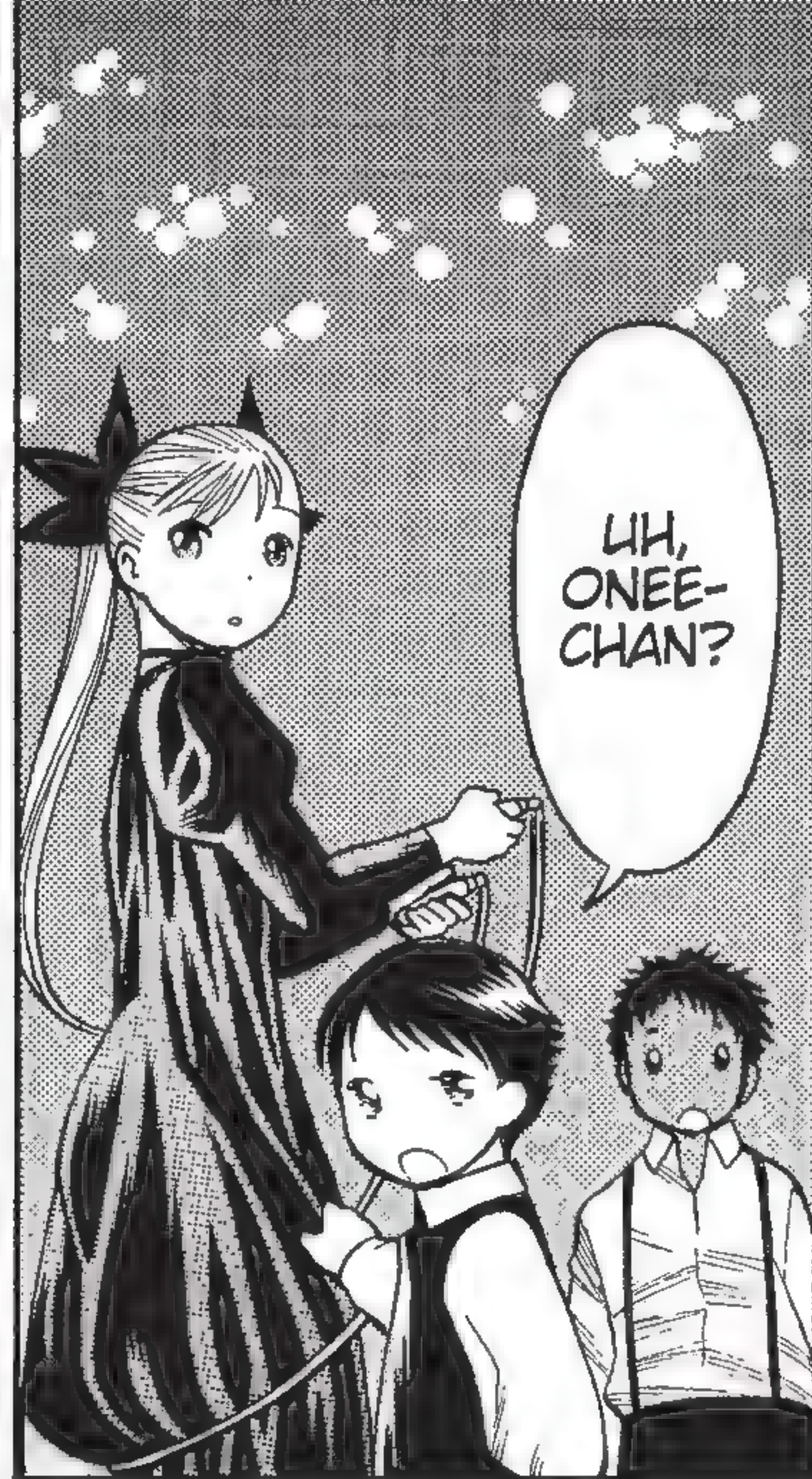






HEY.

BEEN  
LOOKING  
FOR YA.



UH,  
ONEE-  
CHAN?



ONII-  
CHAN,  
CAN  
YOU  
JUMP  
ROPE?

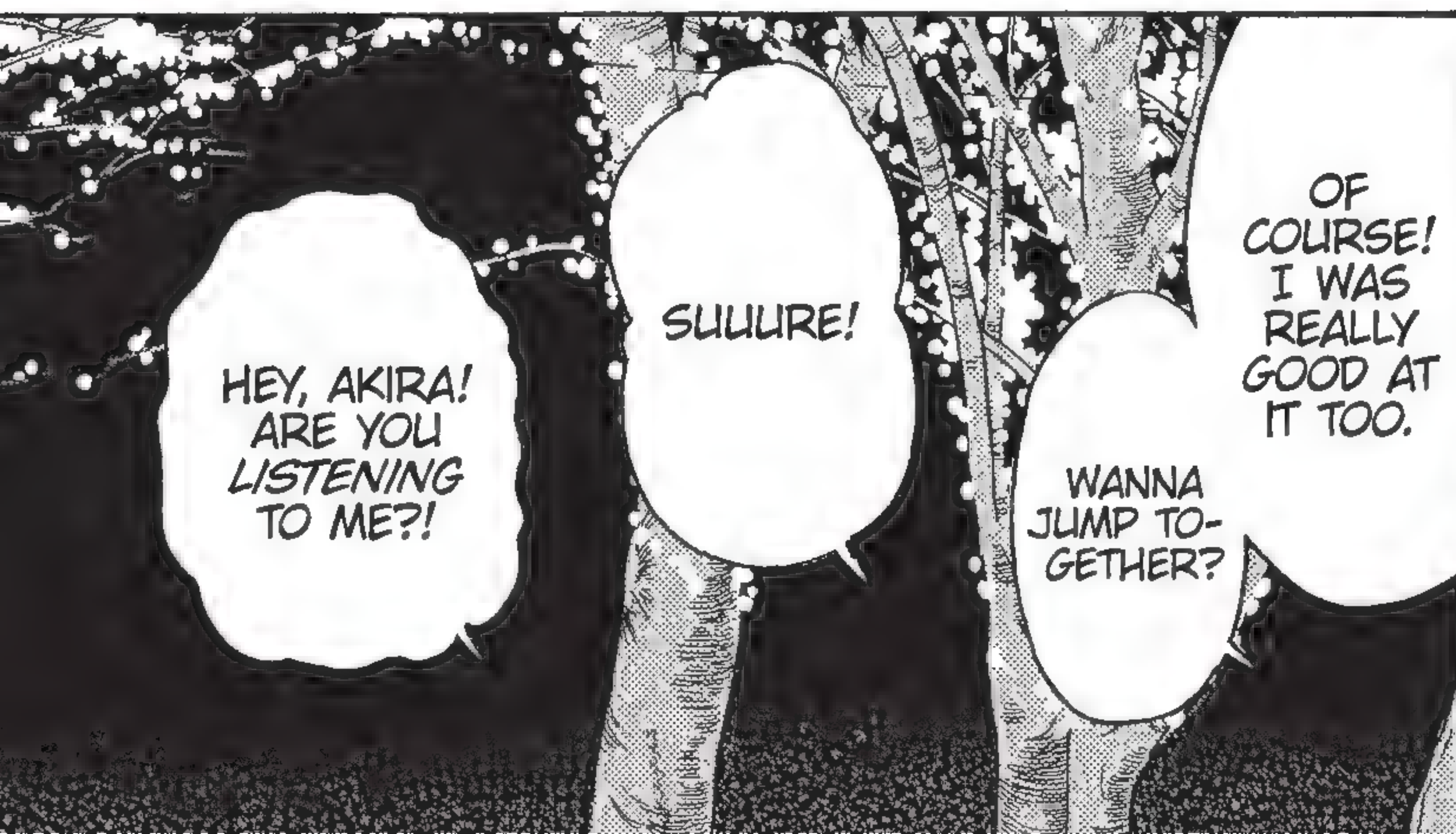
HEY, A  
JUMP ROPE!  
I HAVEN'T  
SEEN ONE  
OF THOSE  
IN AGES!!

TH...THESE  
CHILDREN SAID  
THEY WERE  
SEPARATED  
FROM THEIR  
PARENTS, SO I  
WAS KEEPING  
THEM COMPANY!



SINCE  
JUST  
BEFORE  
THE PART  
WHERE  
YOU  
TRIPPED.

H...HOW  
LONG  
WERE YOU  
WATCHING?!



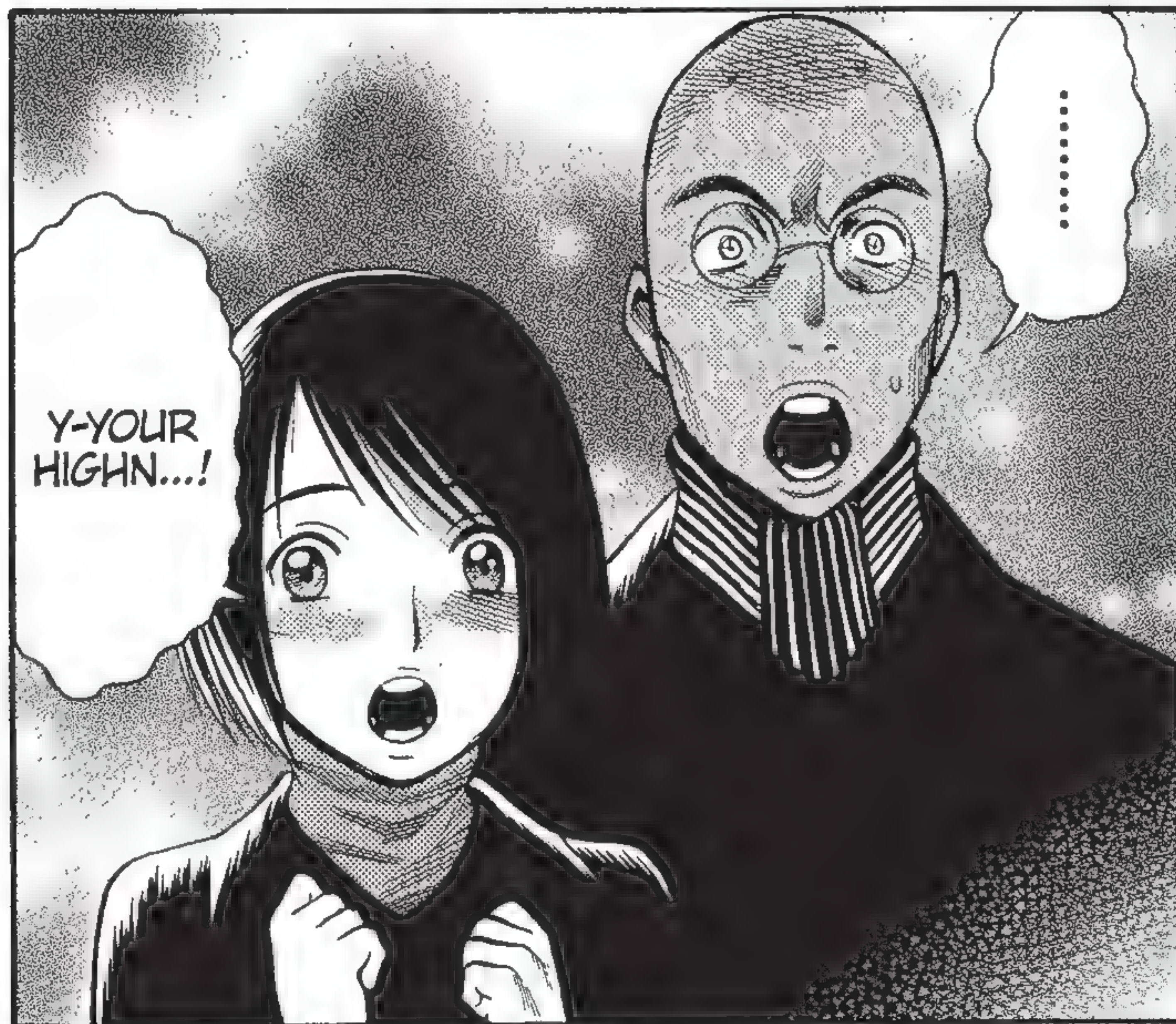
HEY, AKIRA!  
ARE YOU  
LISTENING  
TO ME?!

SURE!

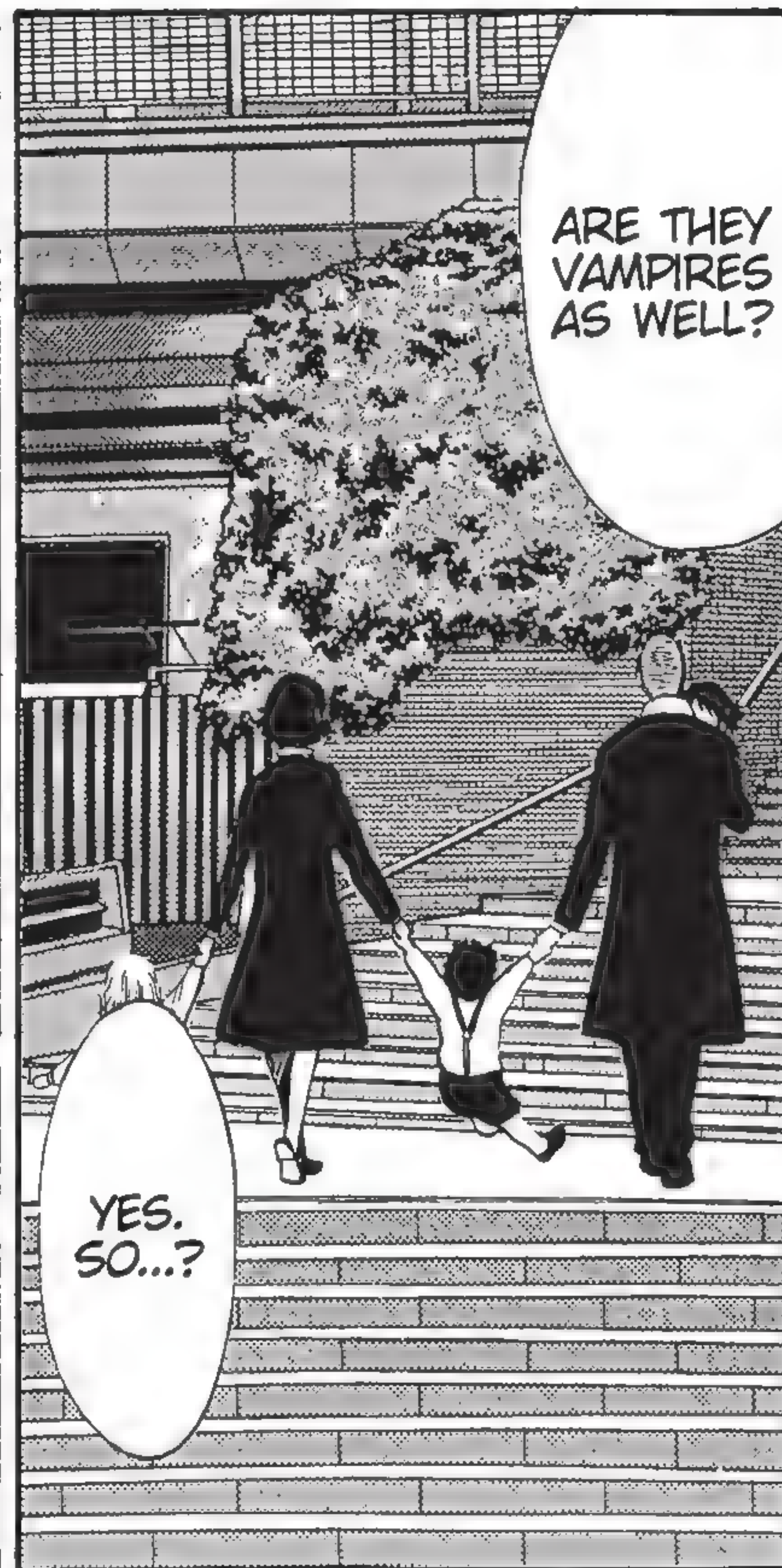
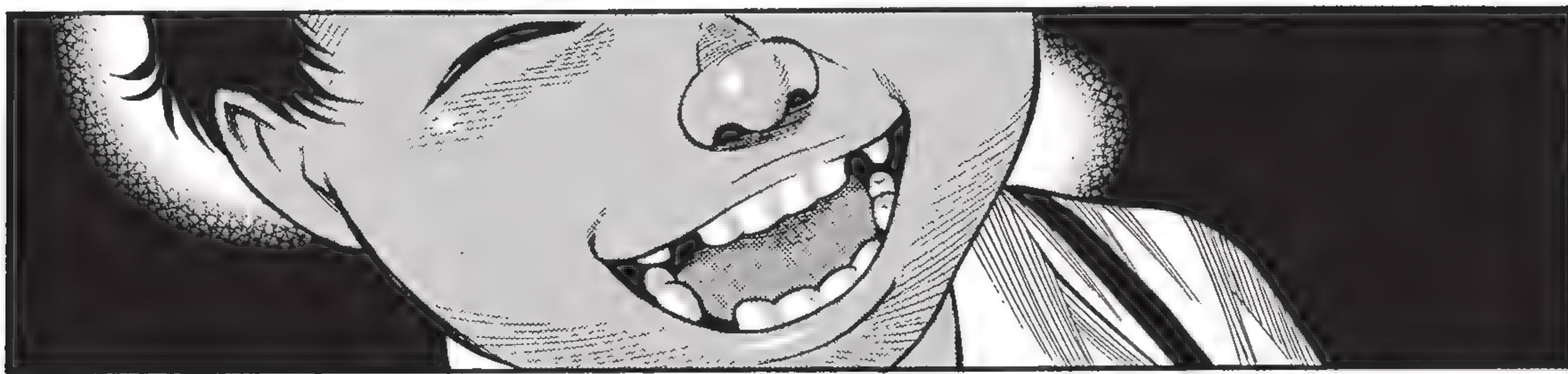
WANNA  
JUMP TO-  
GETHER?

OF  
COURSE!  
I WAS  
REALLY  
GOOD AT  
IT TOO.









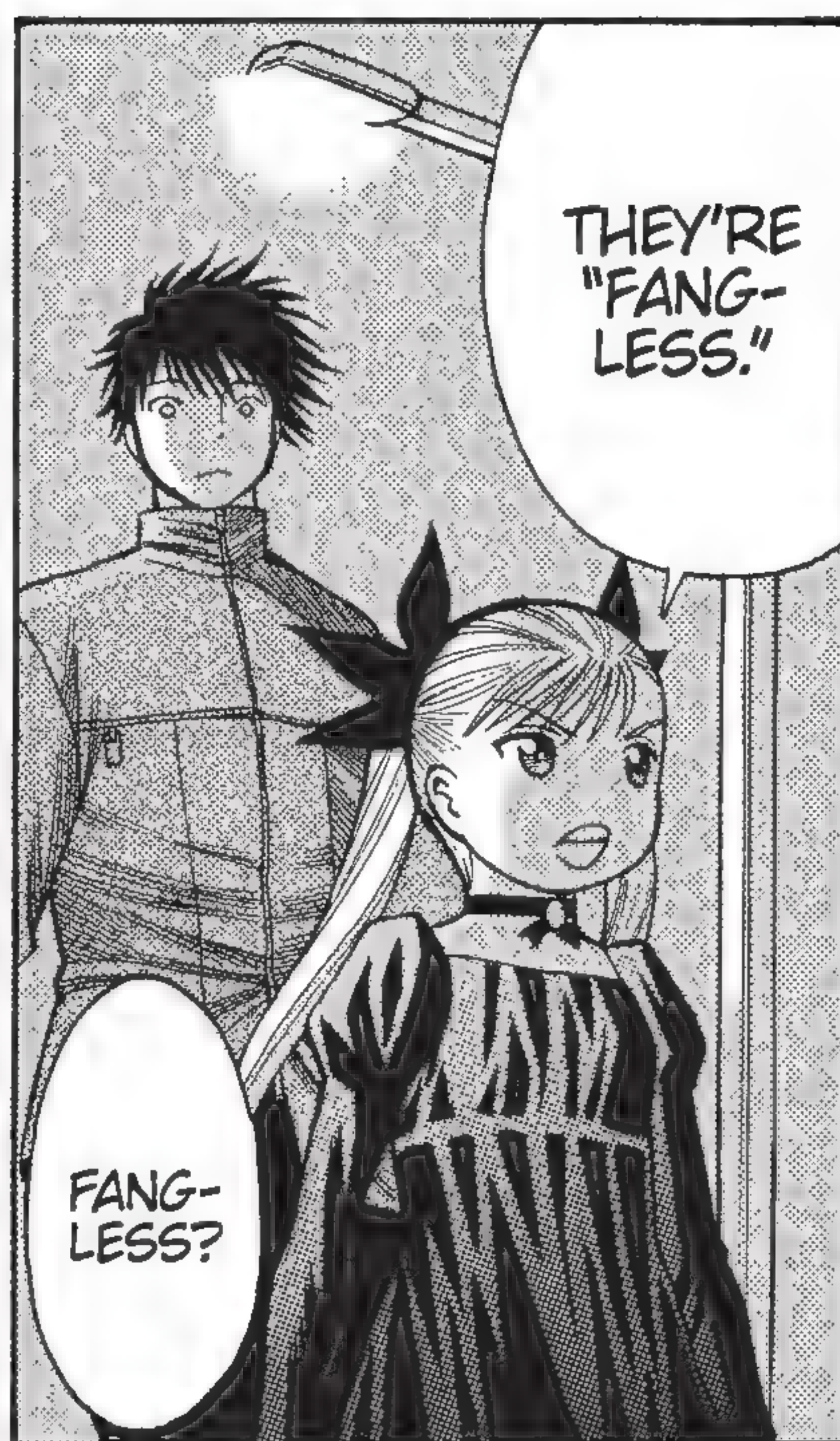




THEY  
REGRET  
BECOMING  
VAMPIRES  
AND TRY  
NOT TO  
LOSE THEIR  
HUMAN  
SPIRIT...

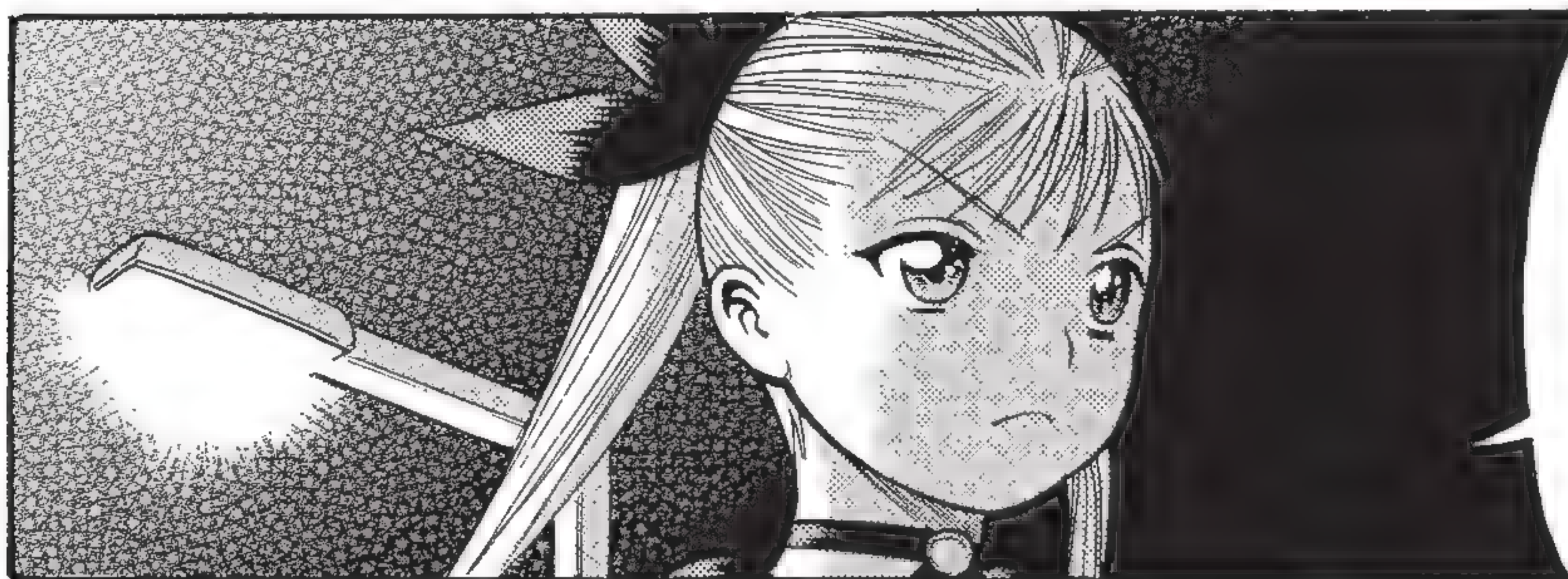
THERE  
ARE A  
LOT LIKE  
THEM,  
ACTUALLY.

YES,  
VAMPIRES  
WHO HAVE  
PULLED THEIR  
OWN FANGS  
OUT AND  
REFUSE  
TO DRINK  
HUMAN  
BLOOD.



THEY'RE  
"FANG-  
LESS."

FANG-  
LESS?

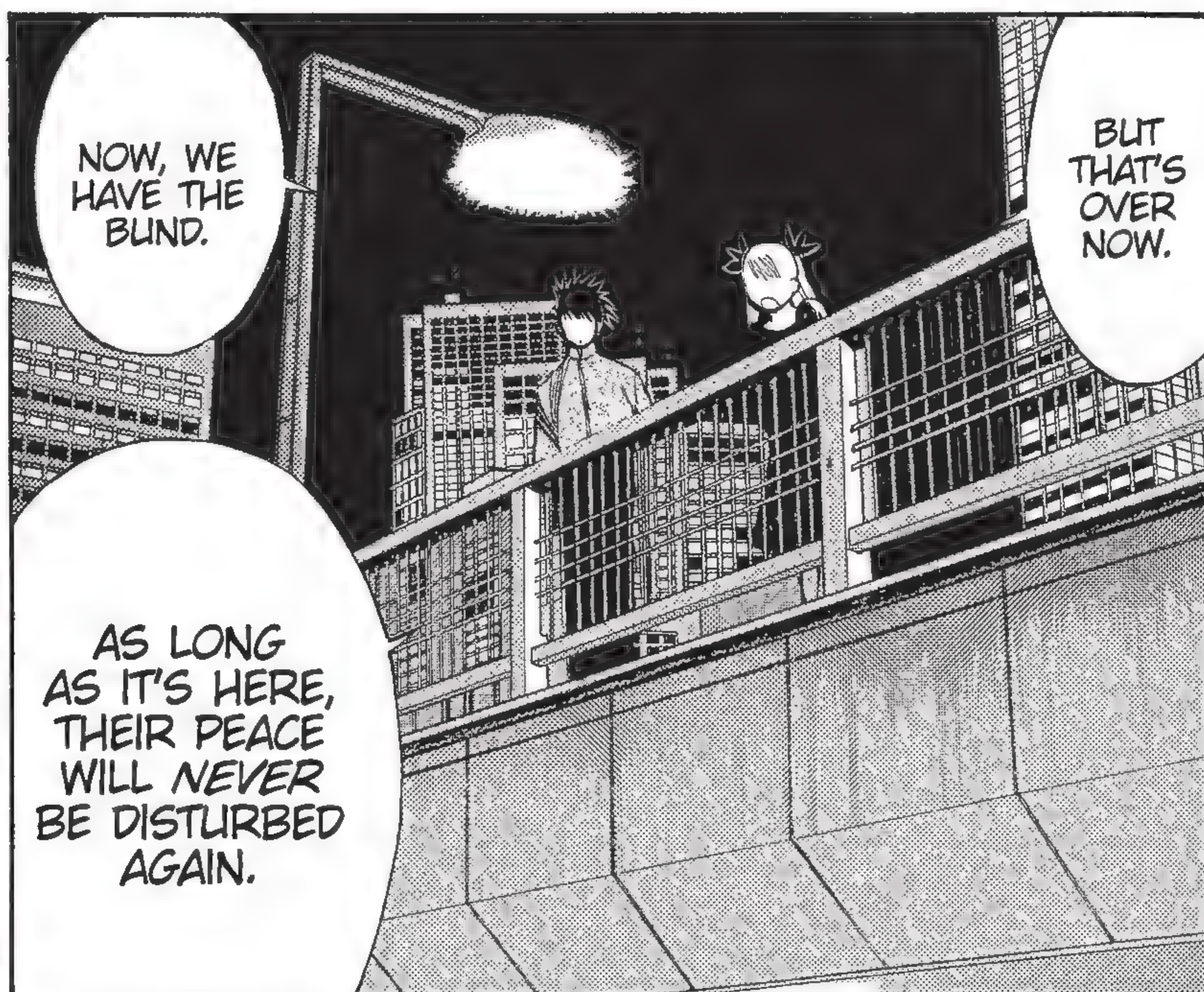


THEY  
WERE  
FORCED  
TO LEAD  
A LIFE OF  
EXILE.

AND IT'S  
BECAUSE  
OF THIS,  
THEY WERE  
PERSECUTED  
NOT ONLY  
BY HUMANS  
BUT OTHER  
VAMPIRES  
AS WELL.



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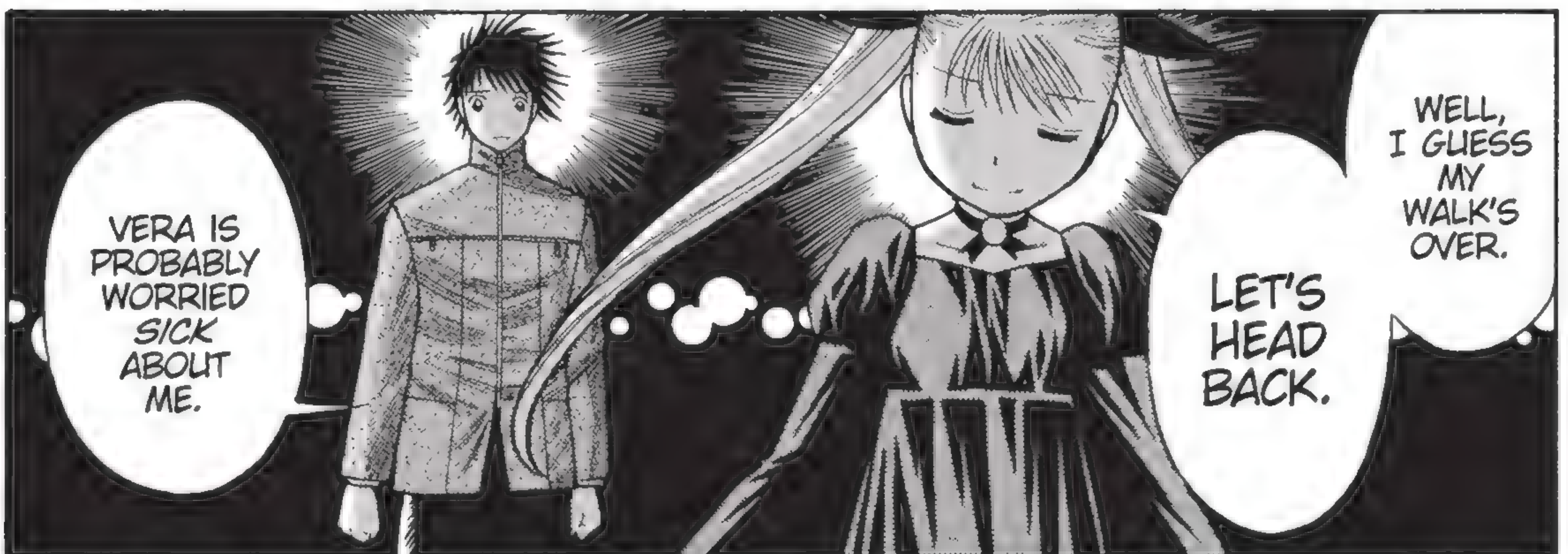


NOW, WE  
HAVE THE  
BLIND.

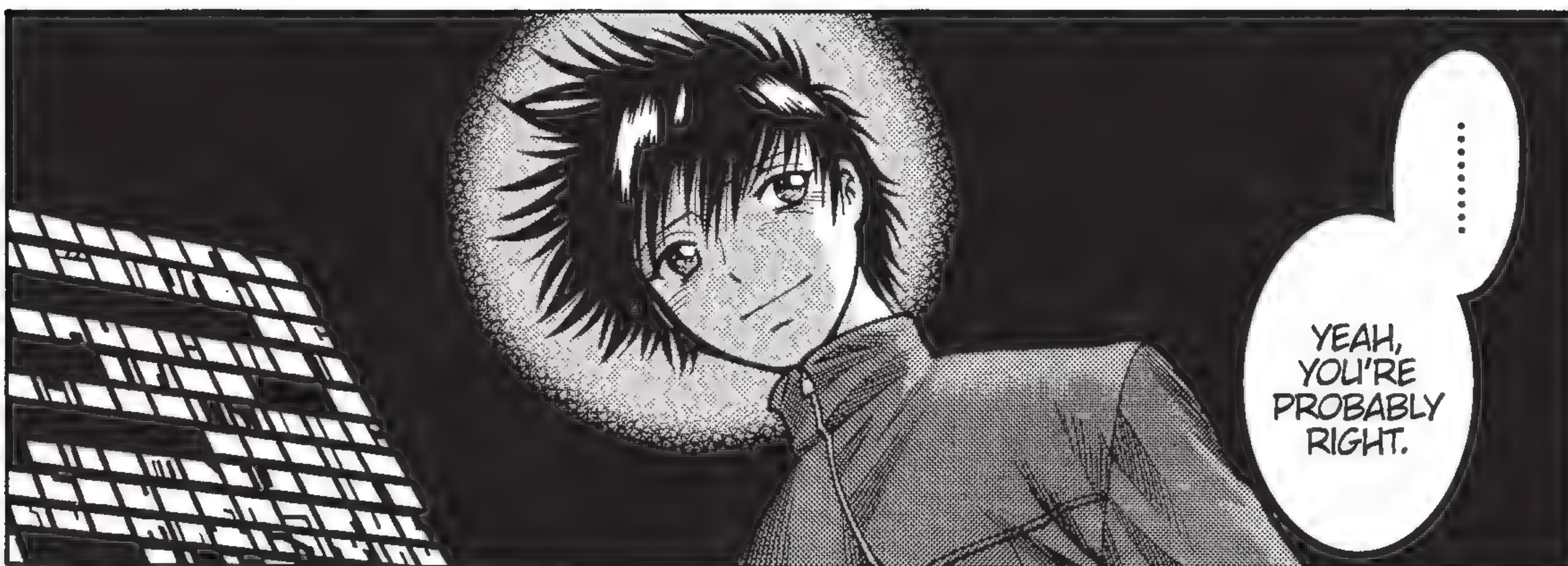
AS LONG  
AS IT'S HERE,  
THEIR PEACE  
WILL NEVER  
BE DISTURBED  
AGAIN.

BUT  
THAT'S  
OVER  
NOW.









.....  
YEAH,  
YOU'RE  
PROBABLY  
RIGHT.

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SECRET?!  
THERE  
IS NO  
SECRET!


IT'S ALL  
ABOUT  
TIMING. YOU  
JUST HAVE  
TO KNOW  
WHEN TO  
JUMP AND  
WHEN  
NOT TO.

YES,  
WHAT'S  
THE  
SECRET  
TO IT?

OH,  
JUMP  
ROPE?

BY THE  
WAY...  
AKIRA, THAT  
GAME...?





AND ON THAT  
DAY, I SWORE  
MY ETERNAL  
LOYALTY TO THAT  
BEAUTIFUL GIRL  
IN A GROGGY  
SLUMBER.

IT WAS  
SEVEN YEARS  
AGO THAT I  
MET HER...

NEVER  
REALIZING,  
IN MY YOUTH-  
FULNESS,  
THE DARK  
DESTINY THAT  
LAY BEFORE  
HER.



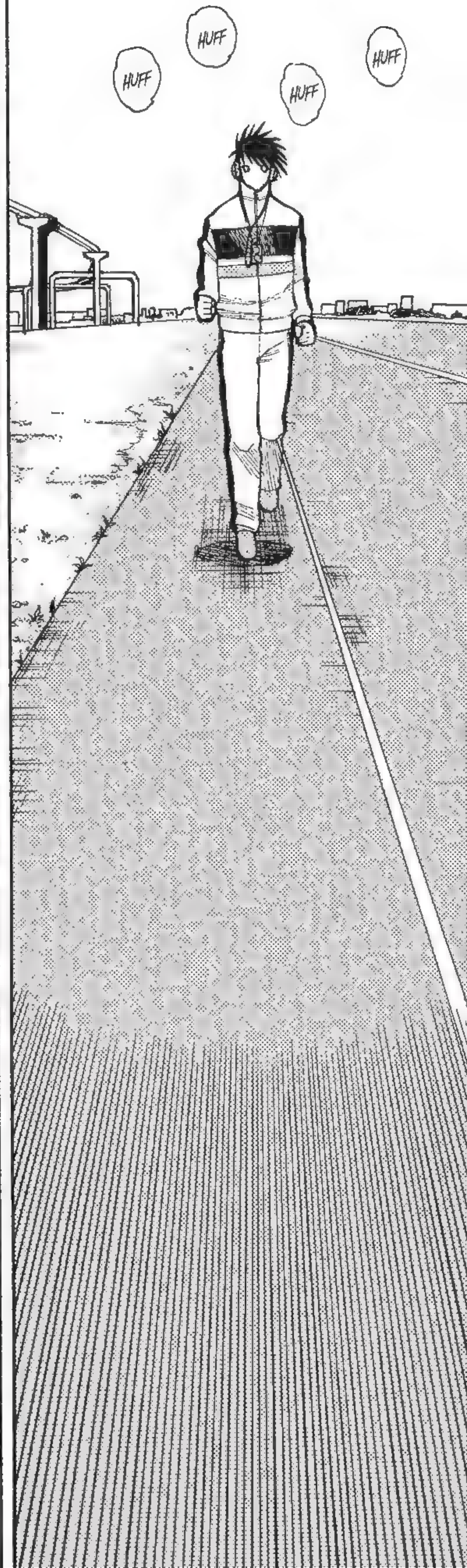
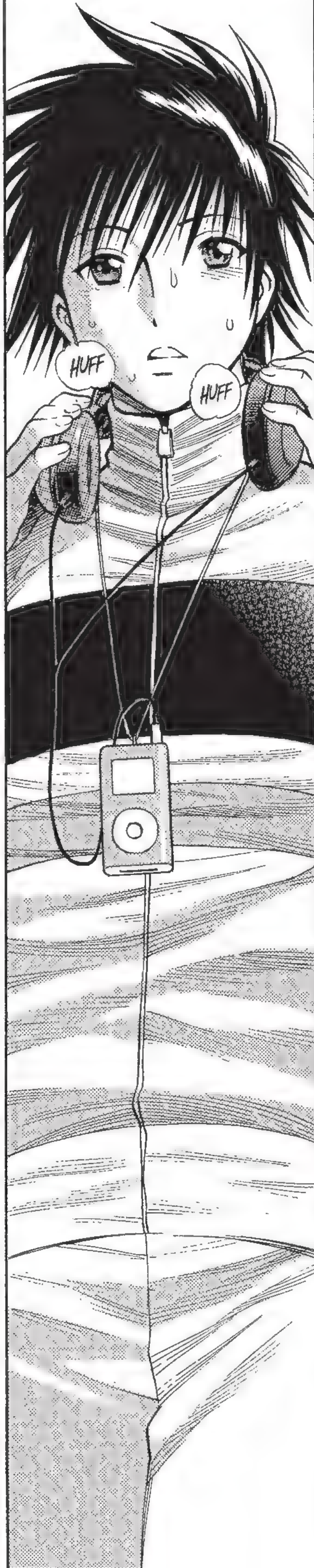
BUT THE  
INSIDE AS  
WELL.

I'VE  
CHANGED...

AND  
NOT ONLY  
ON THE  
OUTSIDE...

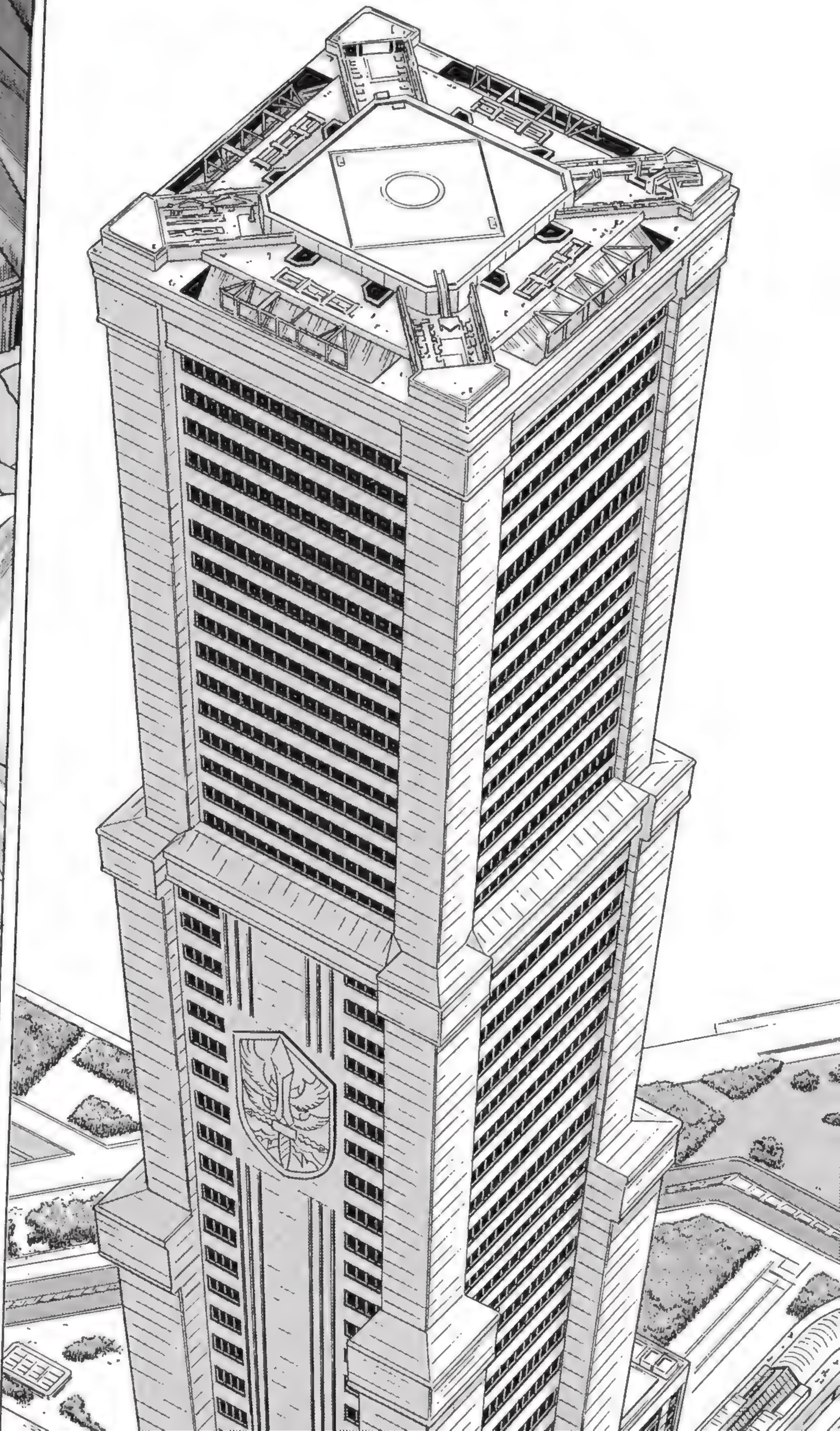
BUT... NOW... I'M  
HERE TO  
KEEP THAT  
PROMISE...

SORT  
OF...

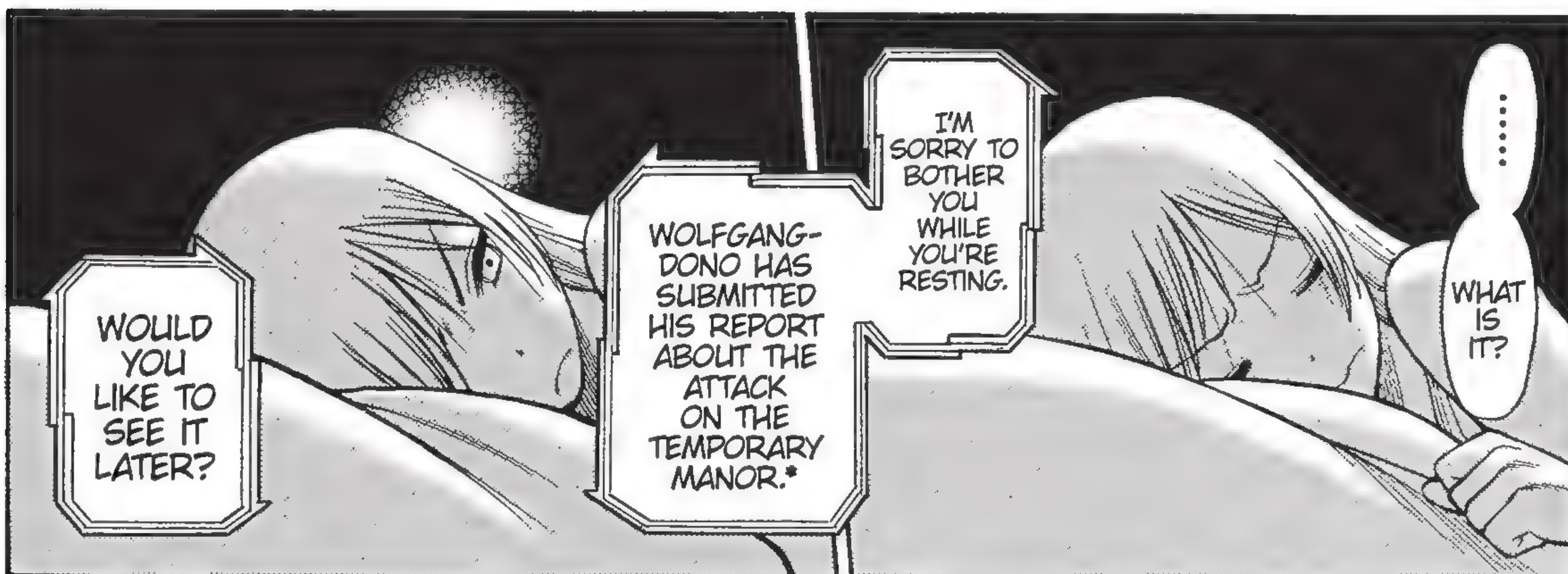
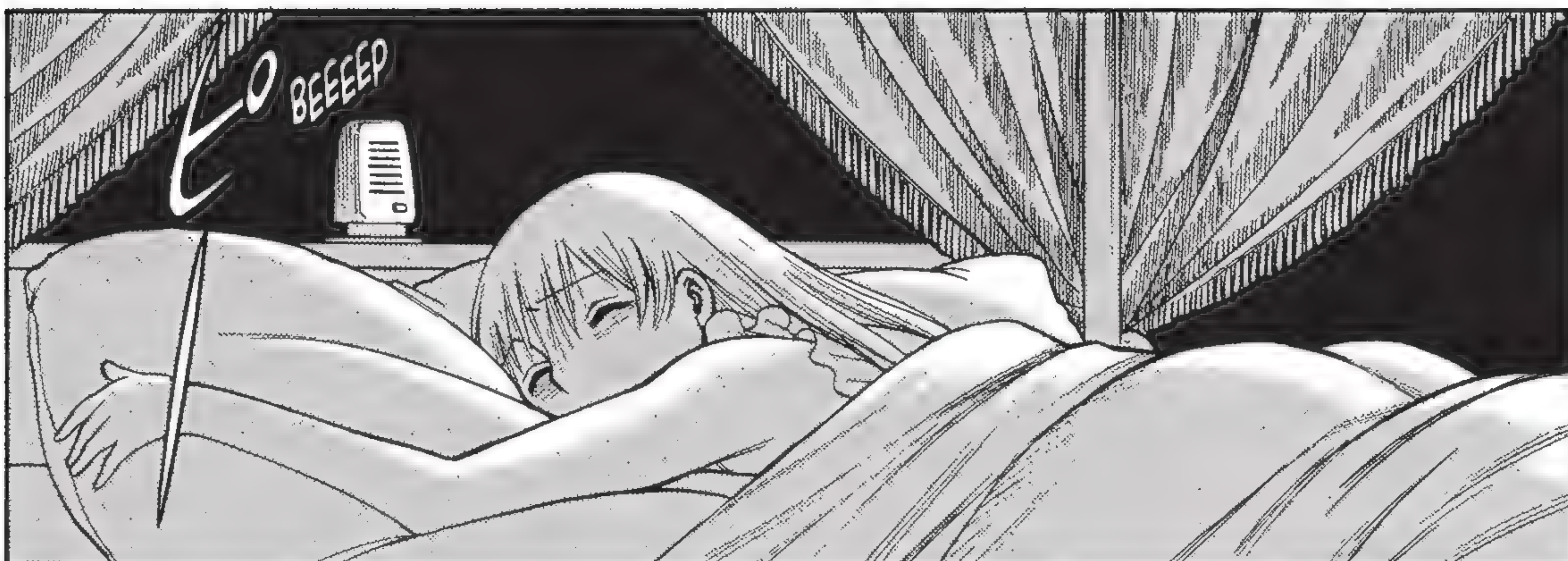




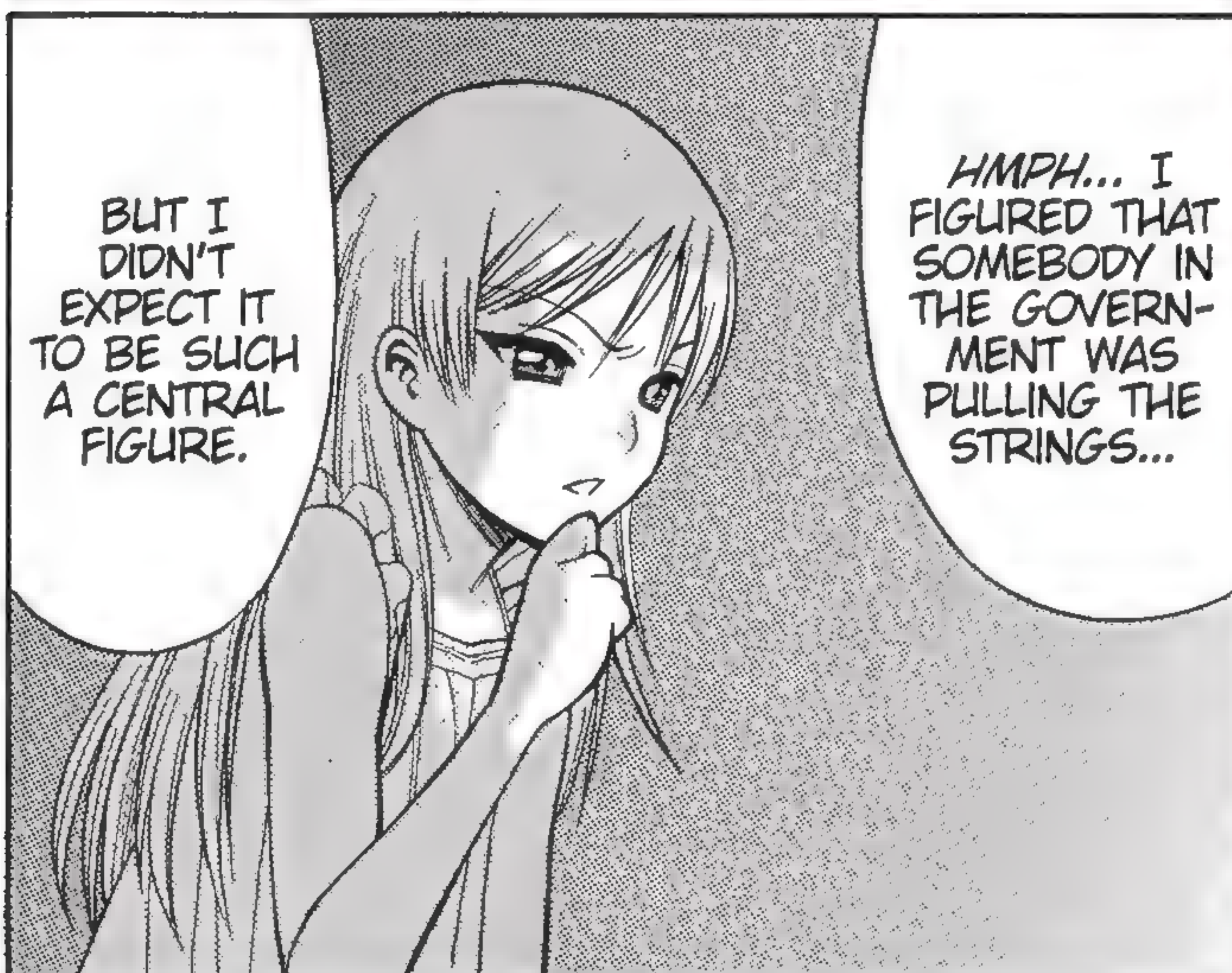
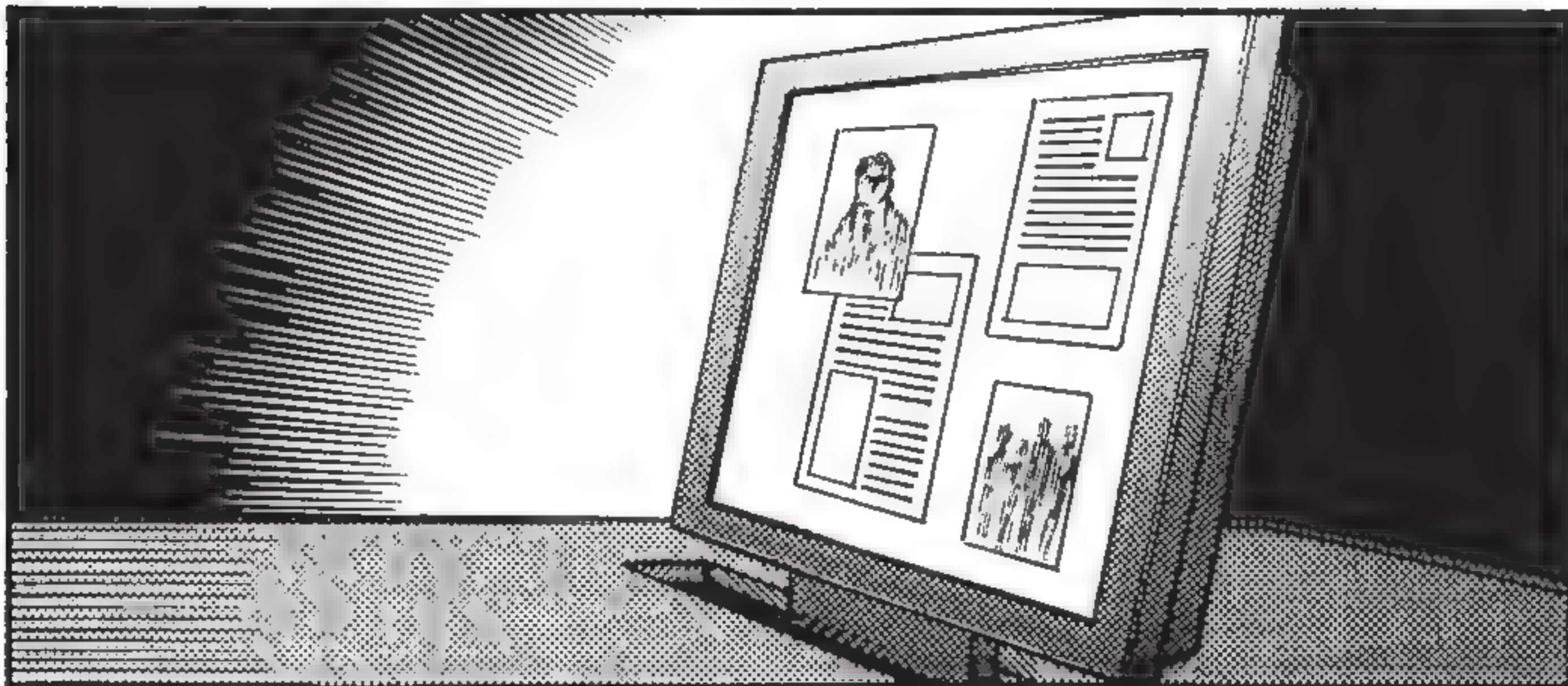
***Chapter 6: Good Night, Sleep Tight***







※ SEE CHAPTER 1







THIS IS  
THE ACE WE  
NEEDED, SO WE  
SHOULD TAKE  
OUR TIME IN  
DECIDING HOW  
TO USE IT.

LEAVE  
IT FOR  
NOW.

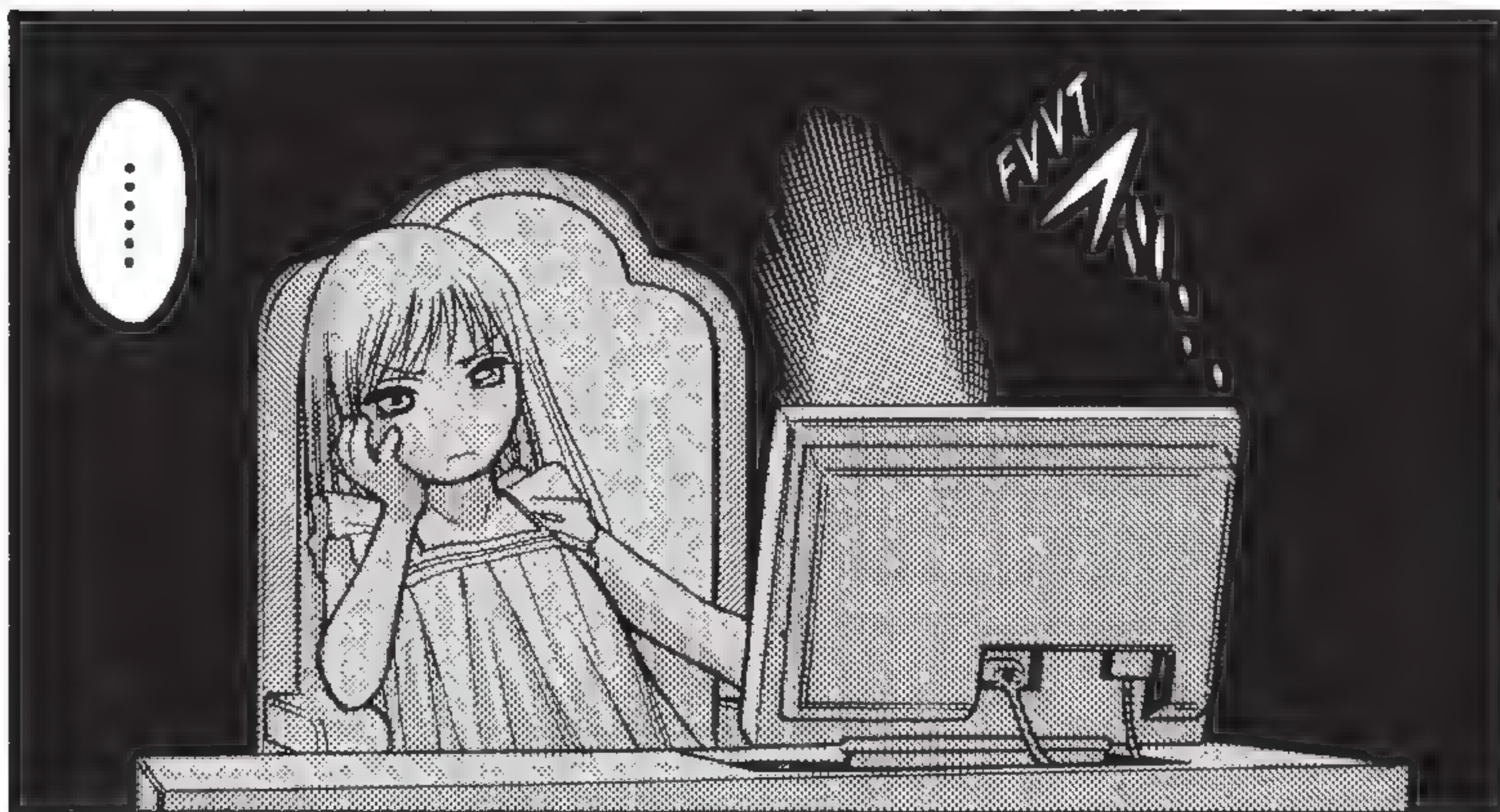


HOW  
SHOULD  
WE  
HANDLE  
THIS?

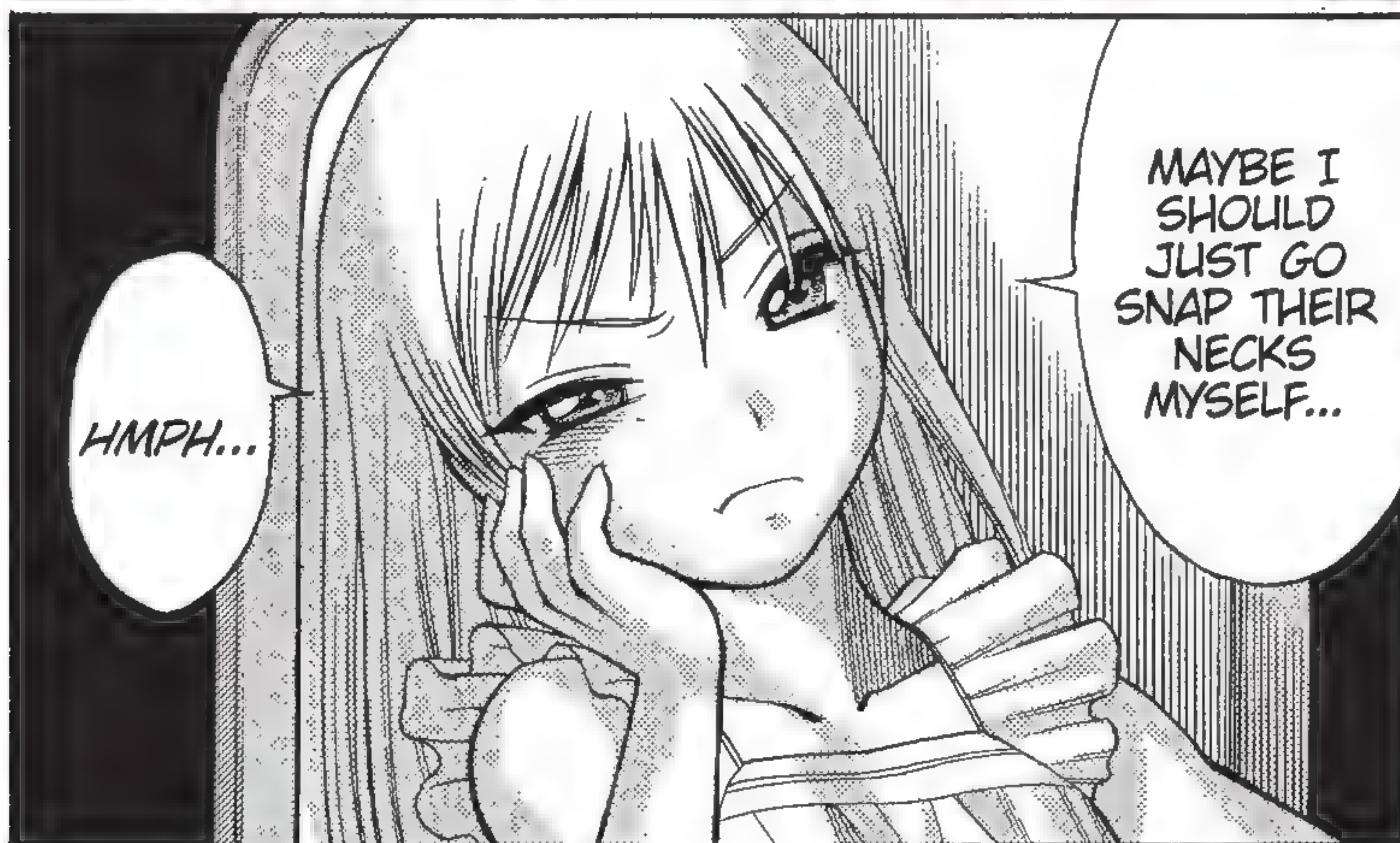


WILL MAKE  
THE WAITING  
MORE THAN  
WORTH IT.

FINISHING  
THEM OFF  
IN ONE  
BLOW...



...



HMPH...

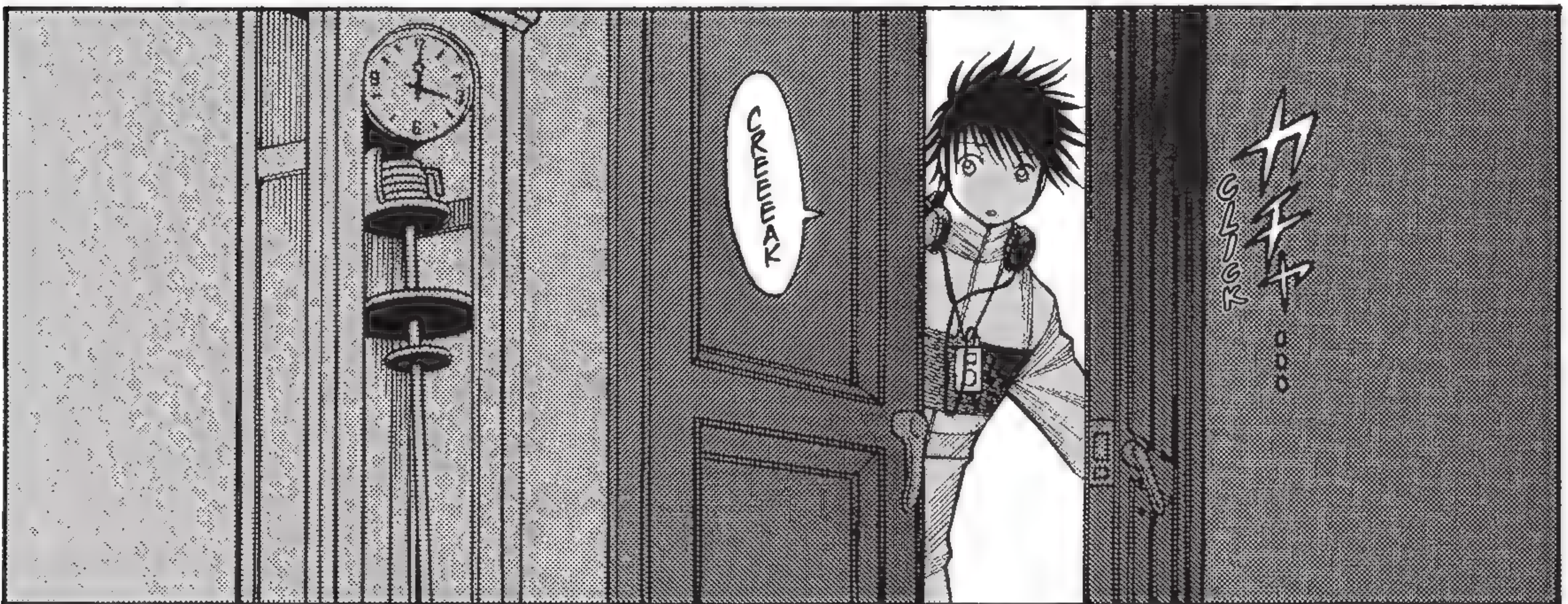
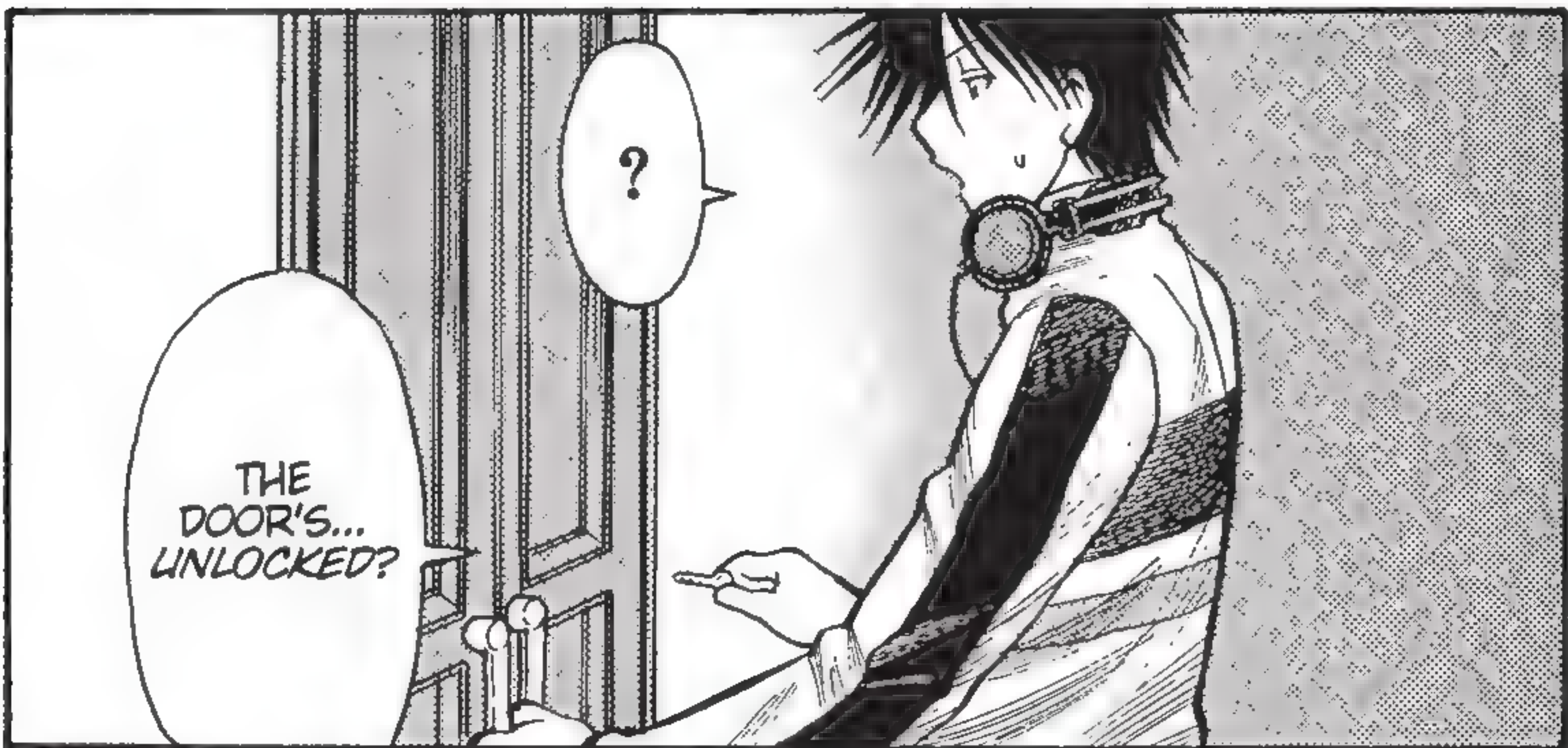
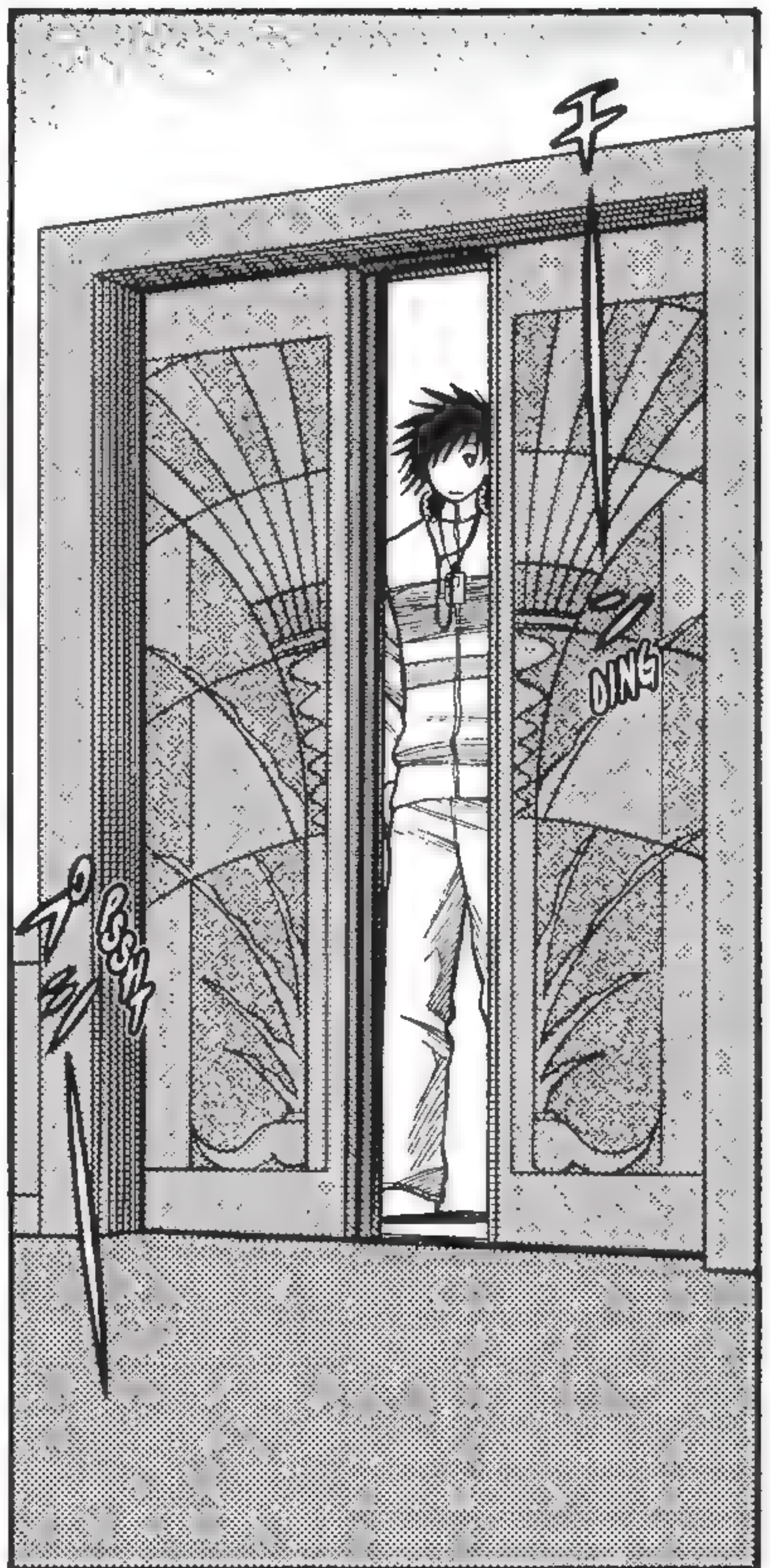
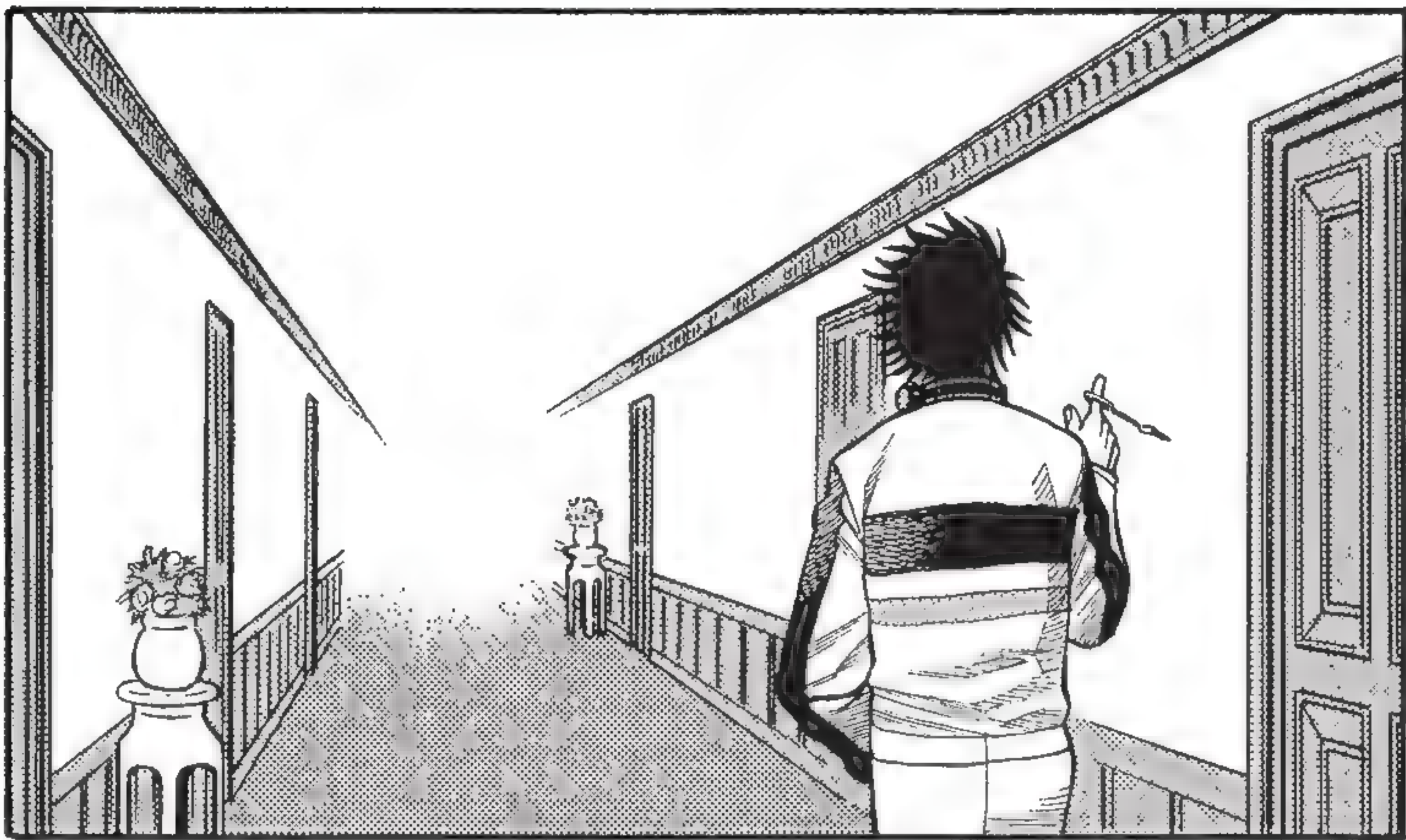
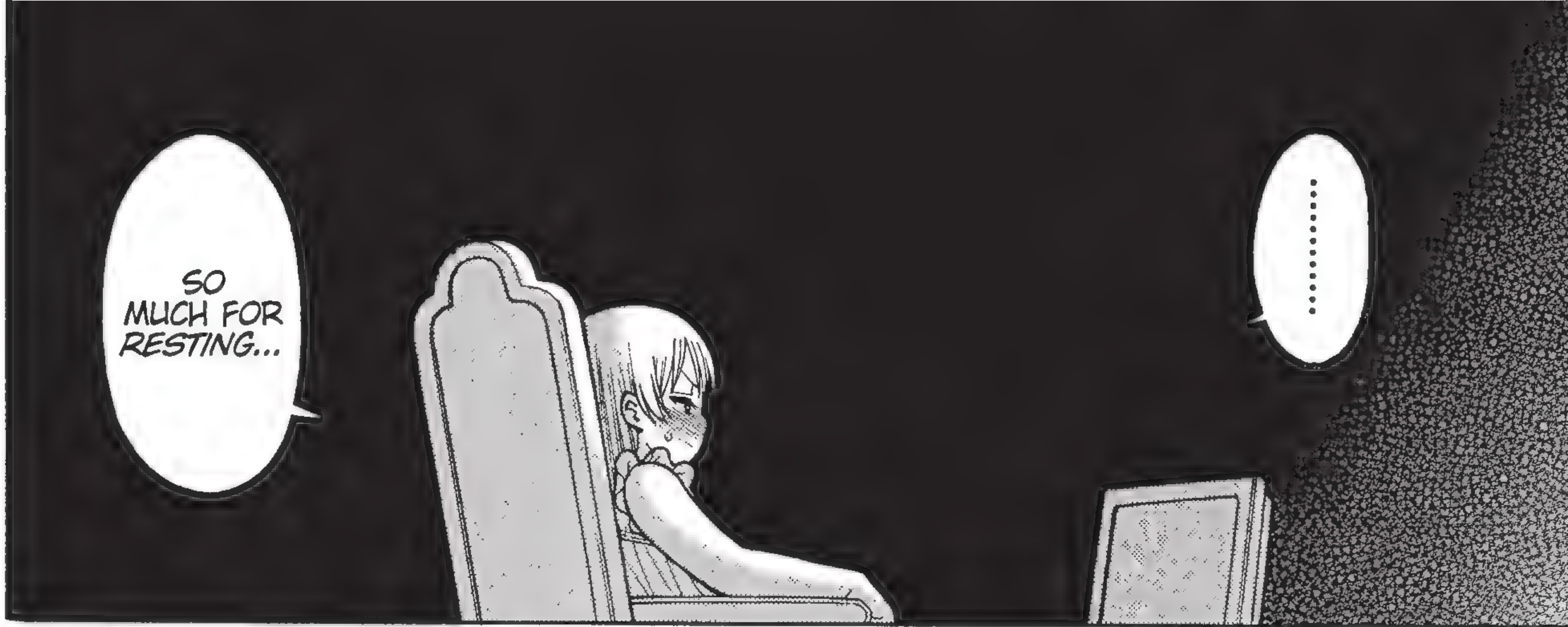
MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
JUST GO  
SNAP THEIR  
NECKS  
MYSELF...



AS  
YOU  
WISH,  
HIME-  
SAMA.

I'M SORRY  
TO HAVE  
BOTHERED  
YOU. I HOPE  
YOU SLEEP  
WELL.

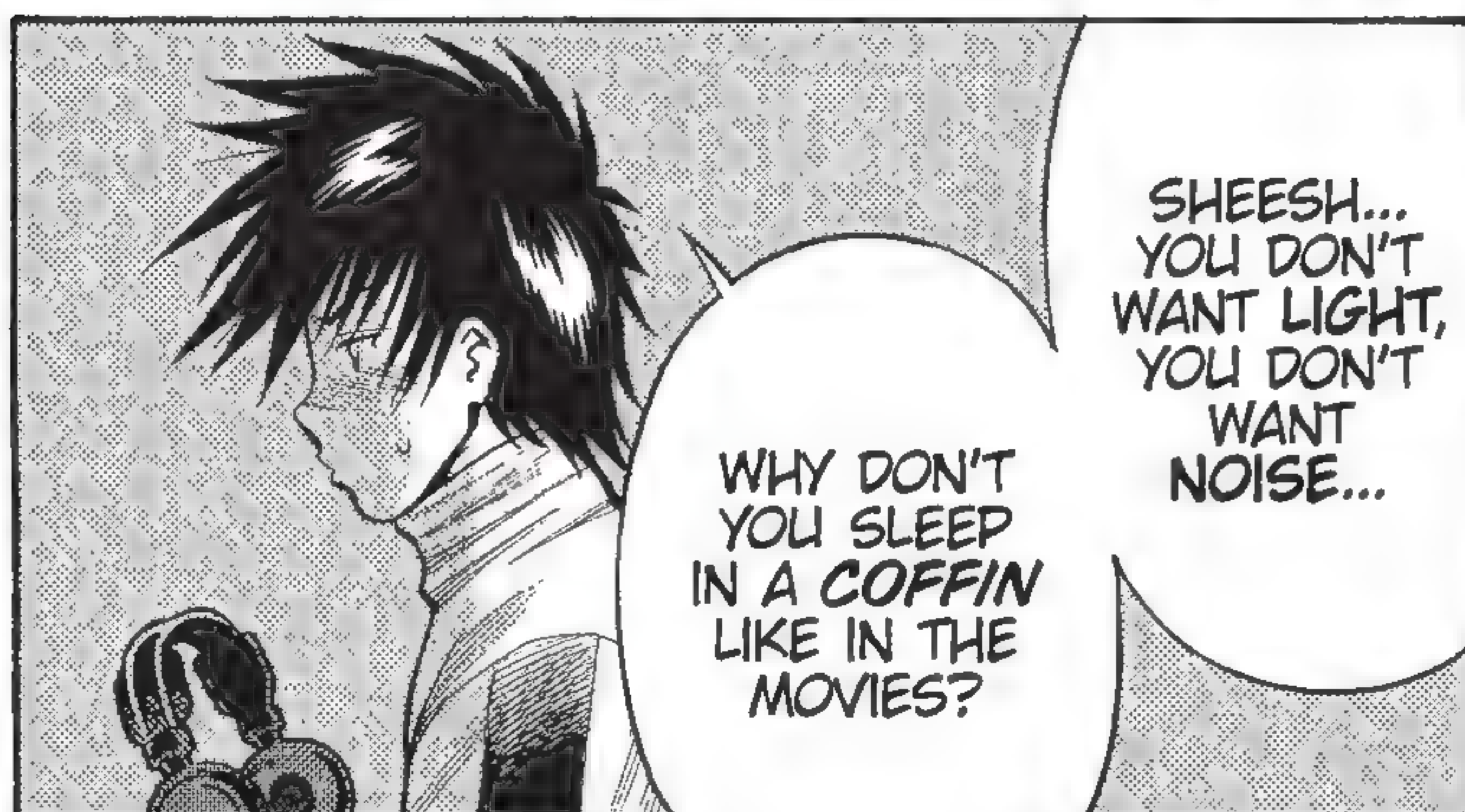
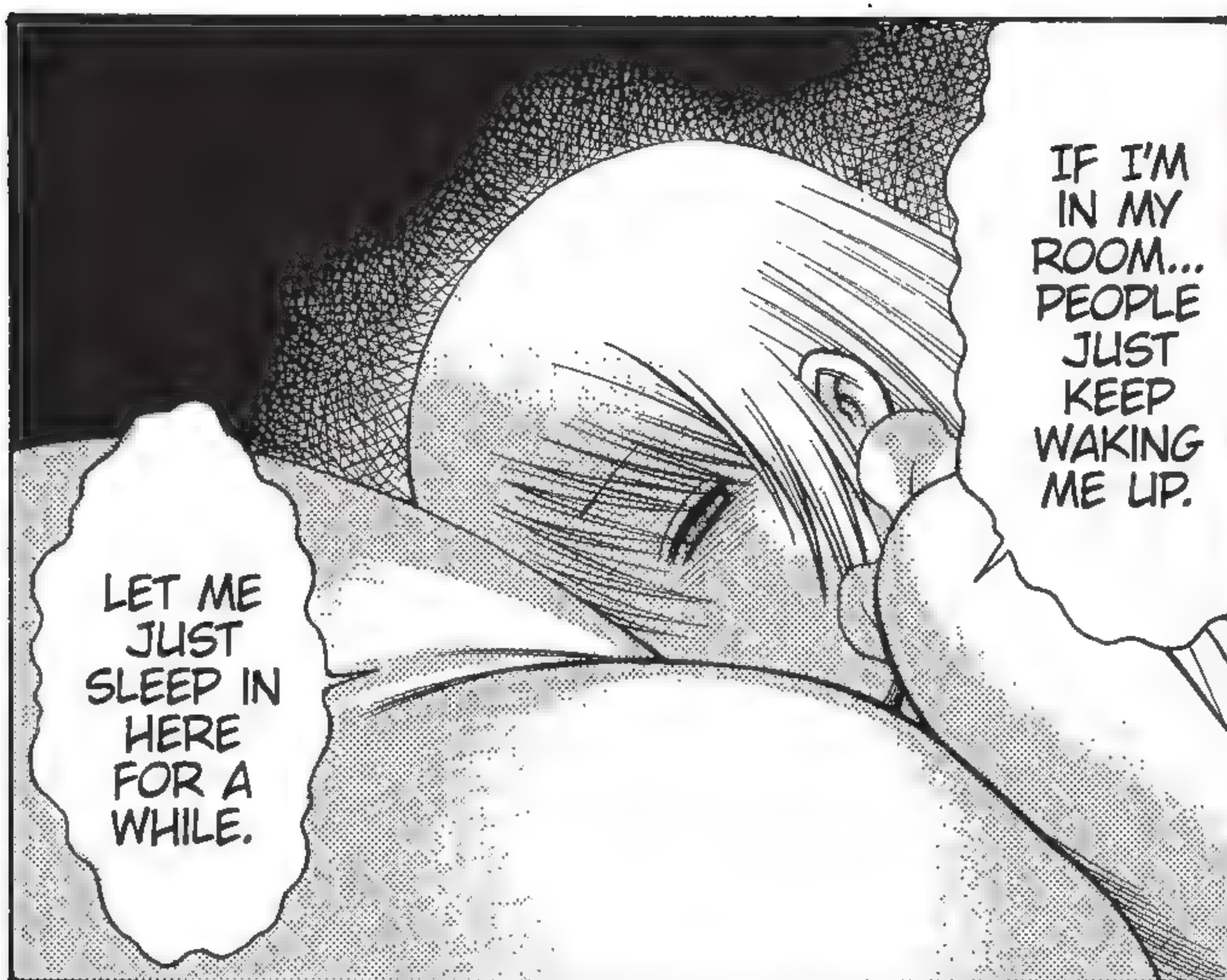
















.....  
WHAT...  
ARE YOU  
DOING?

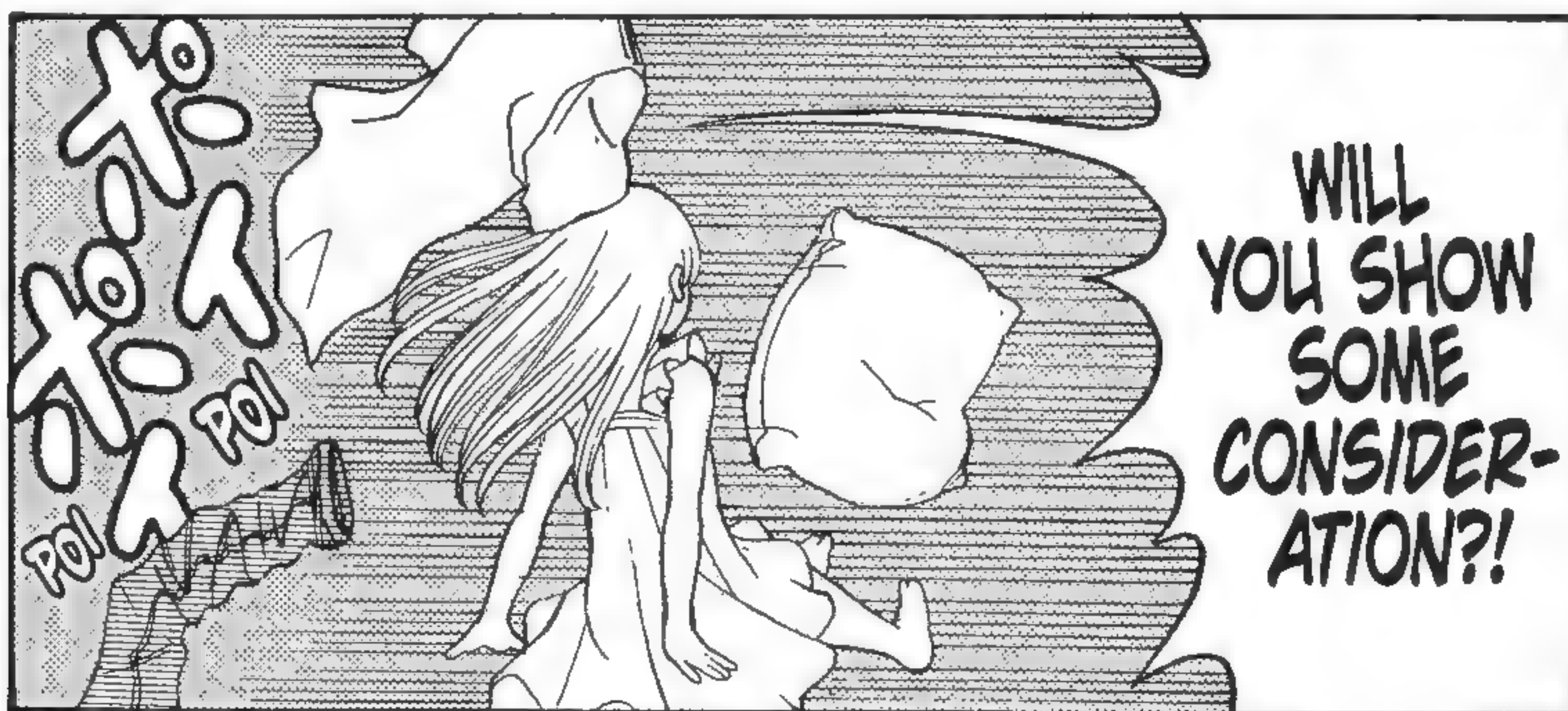


FINE, I'LL  
WAIT FOR  
YOU. HURRY  
UP AND GET  
BACK.



I'VE BEEN  
SO BUSY  
LATELY THAT  
WE HAVEN'T  
BEEN ABLE  
TO TALK.

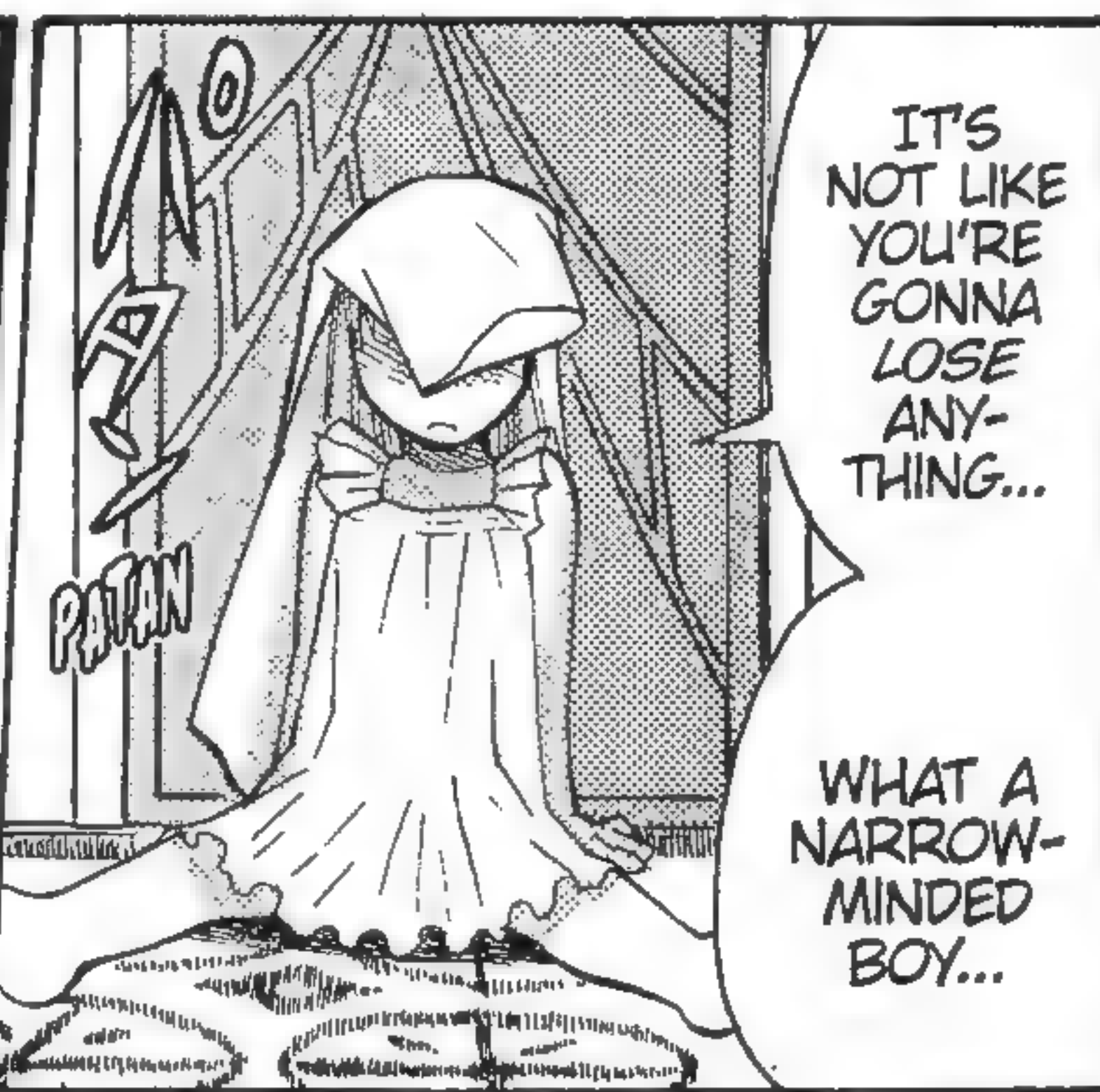
THIS IS  
A GOOD  
CHANCE  
FOR US  
TO CATCH  
UP.



POI POI  
WILL  
YOU SHOW  
SOME  
CONSIDER-  
ATION?!

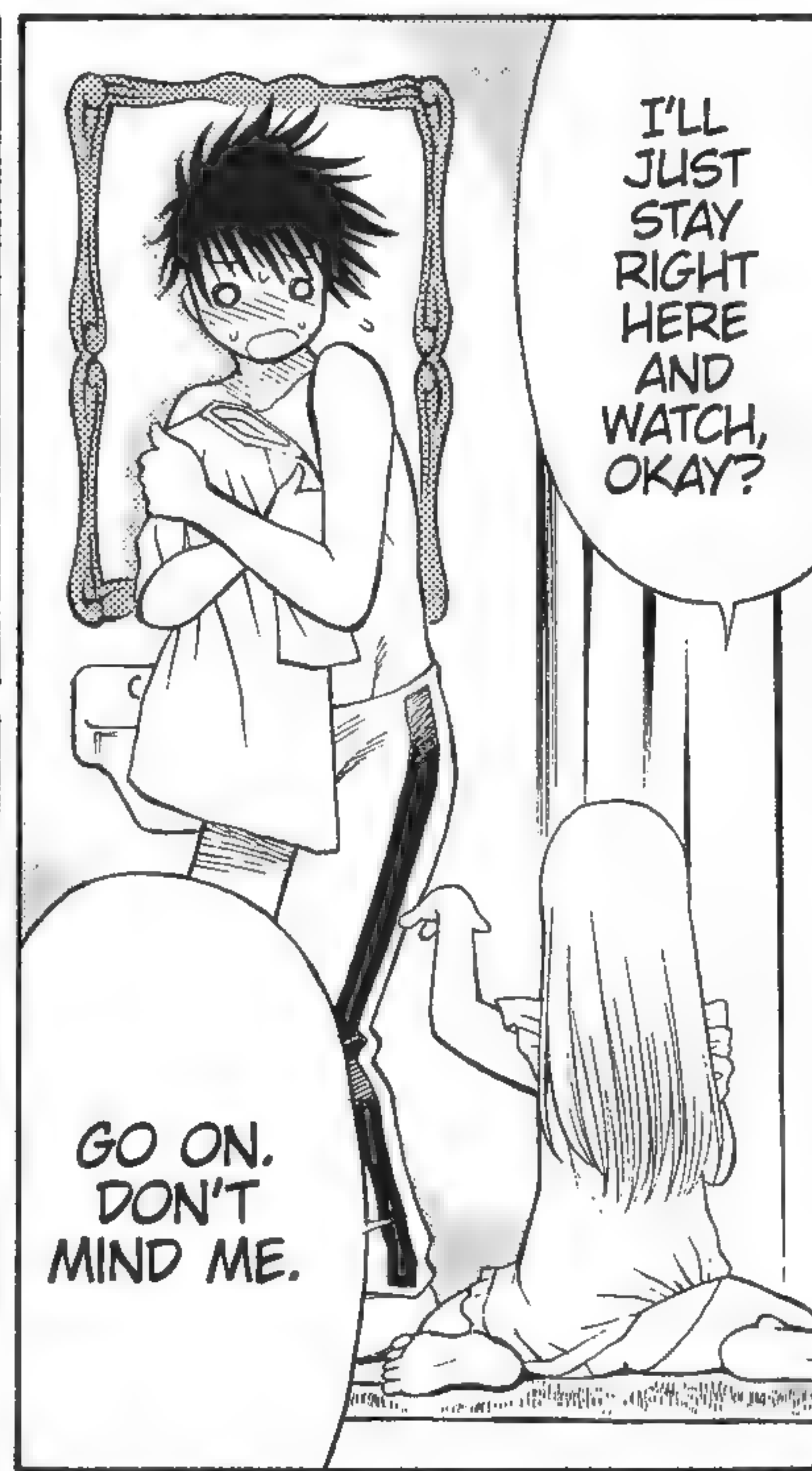


HM?



IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
YOU'RE  
GONNA  
LOSE  
ANY-  
THING...

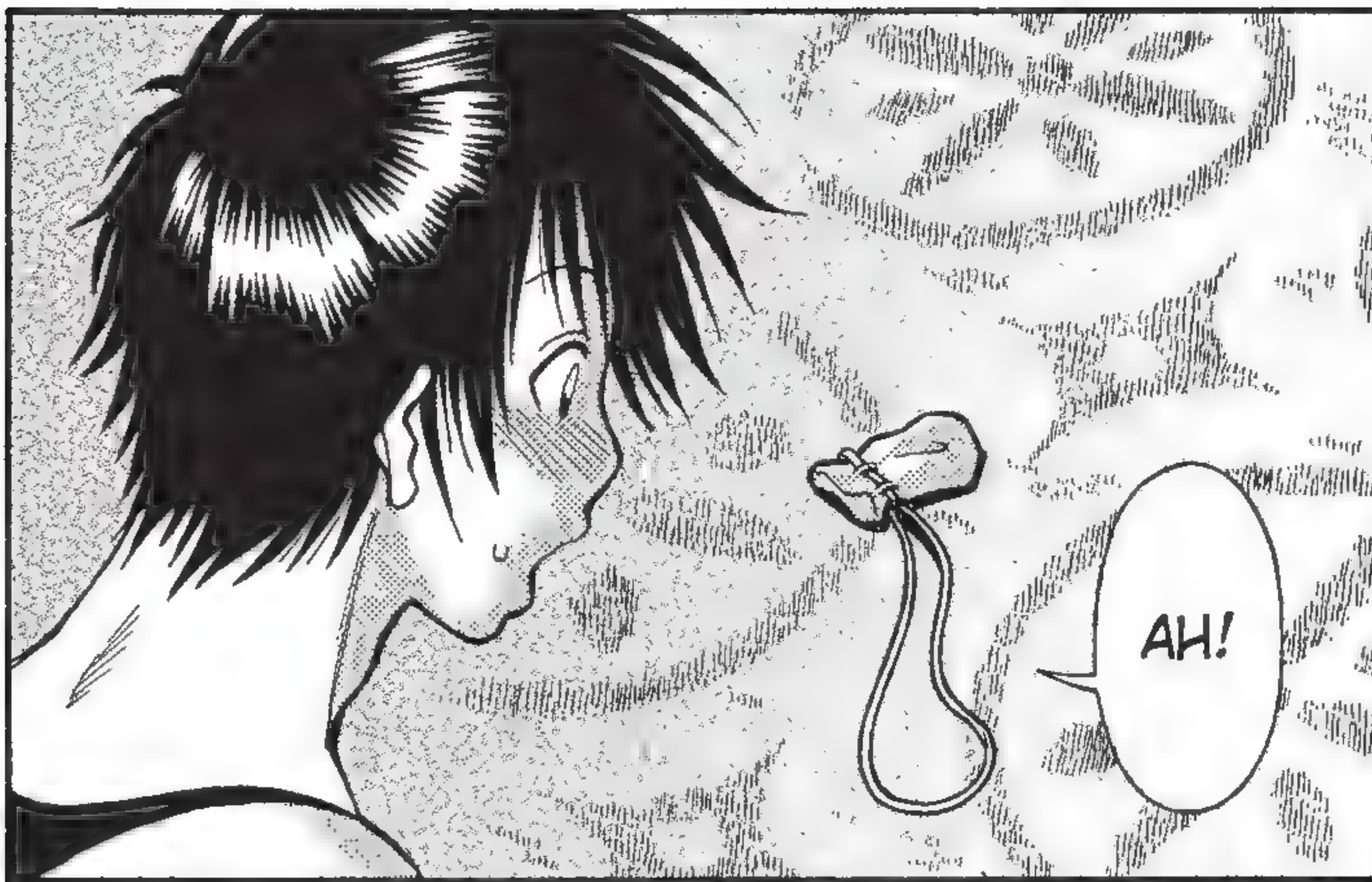
WHAT A  
NARROW-  
MINDED  
BOY...



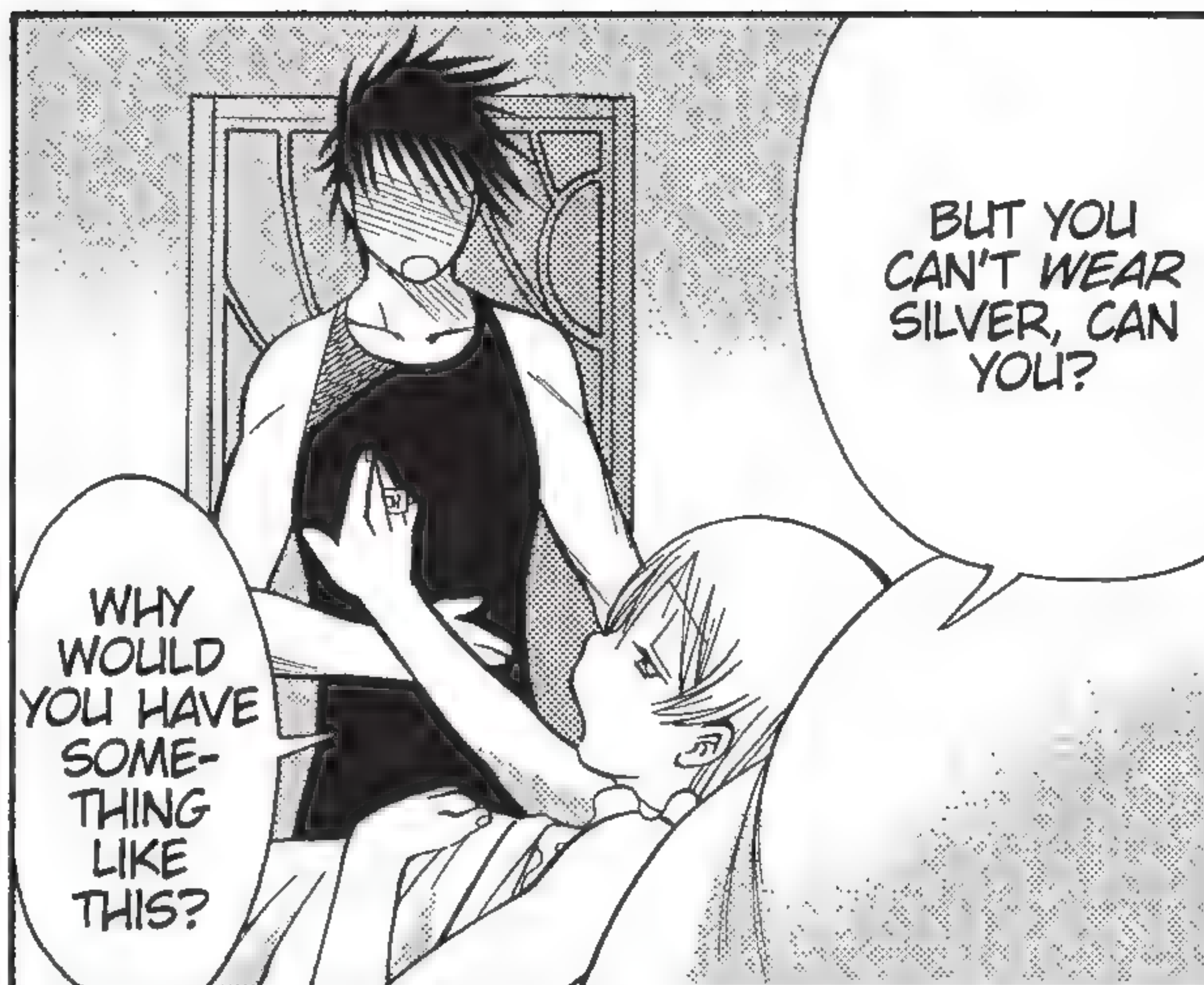
I'LL  
JUST  
STAY  
RIGHT  
HERE  
AND  
WATCH,  
OKAY?

GO ON.  
DON'T  
MIND ME.

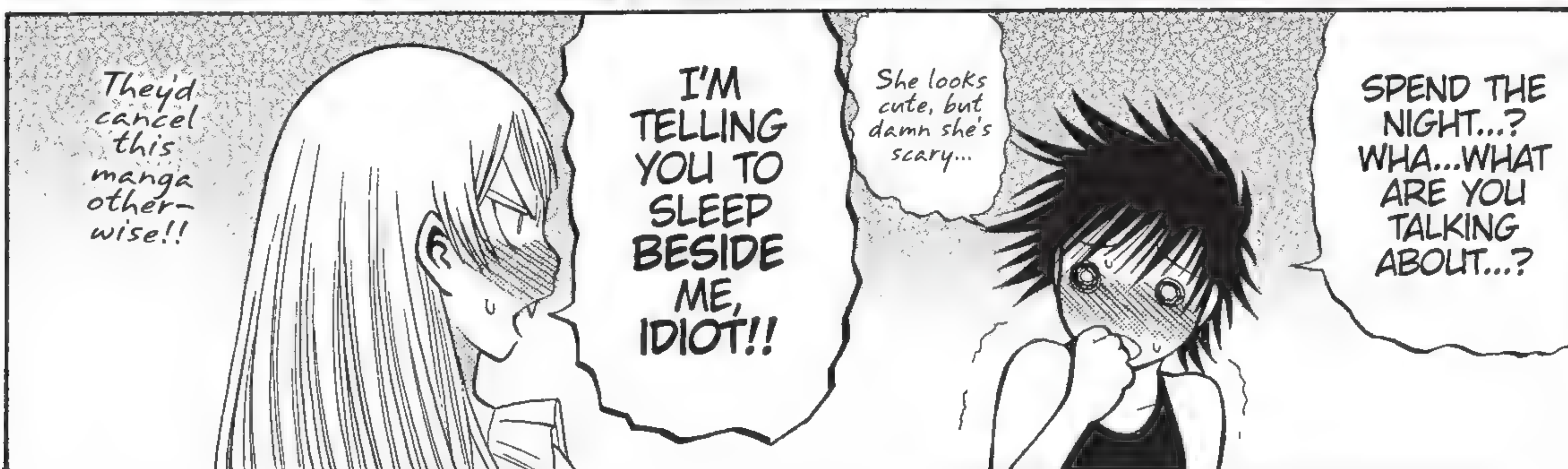
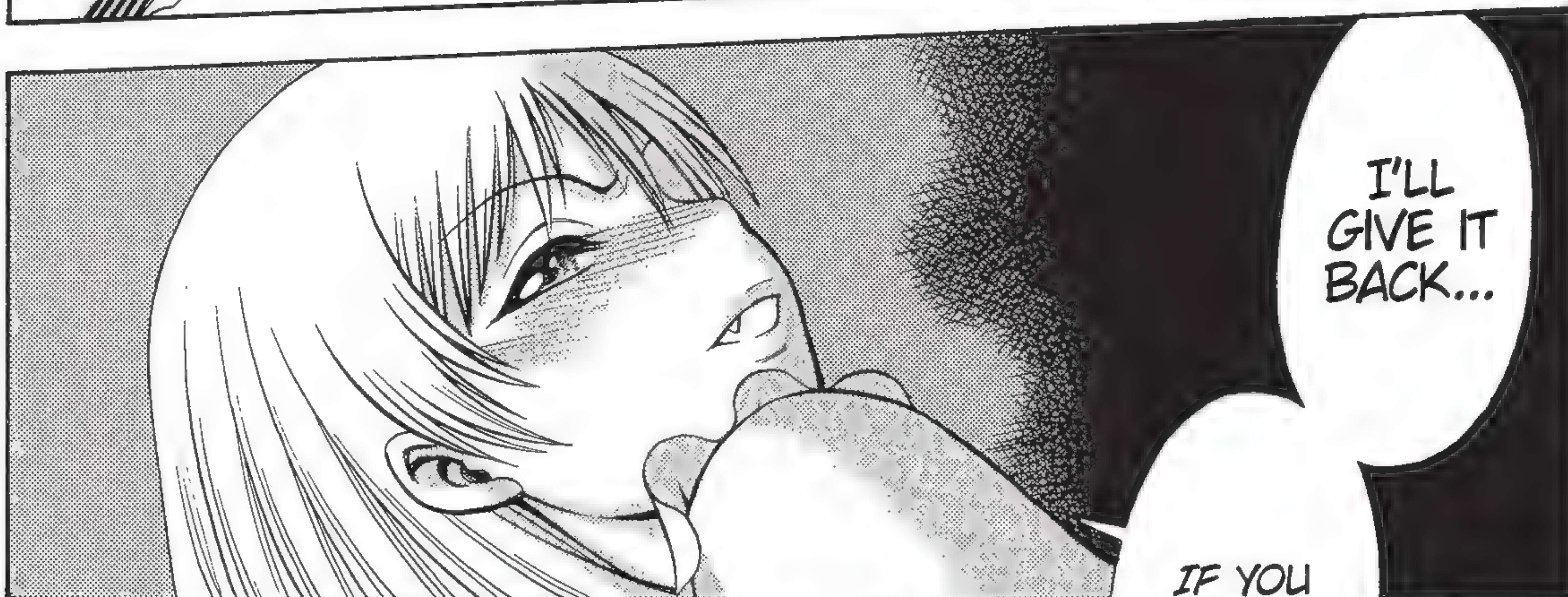
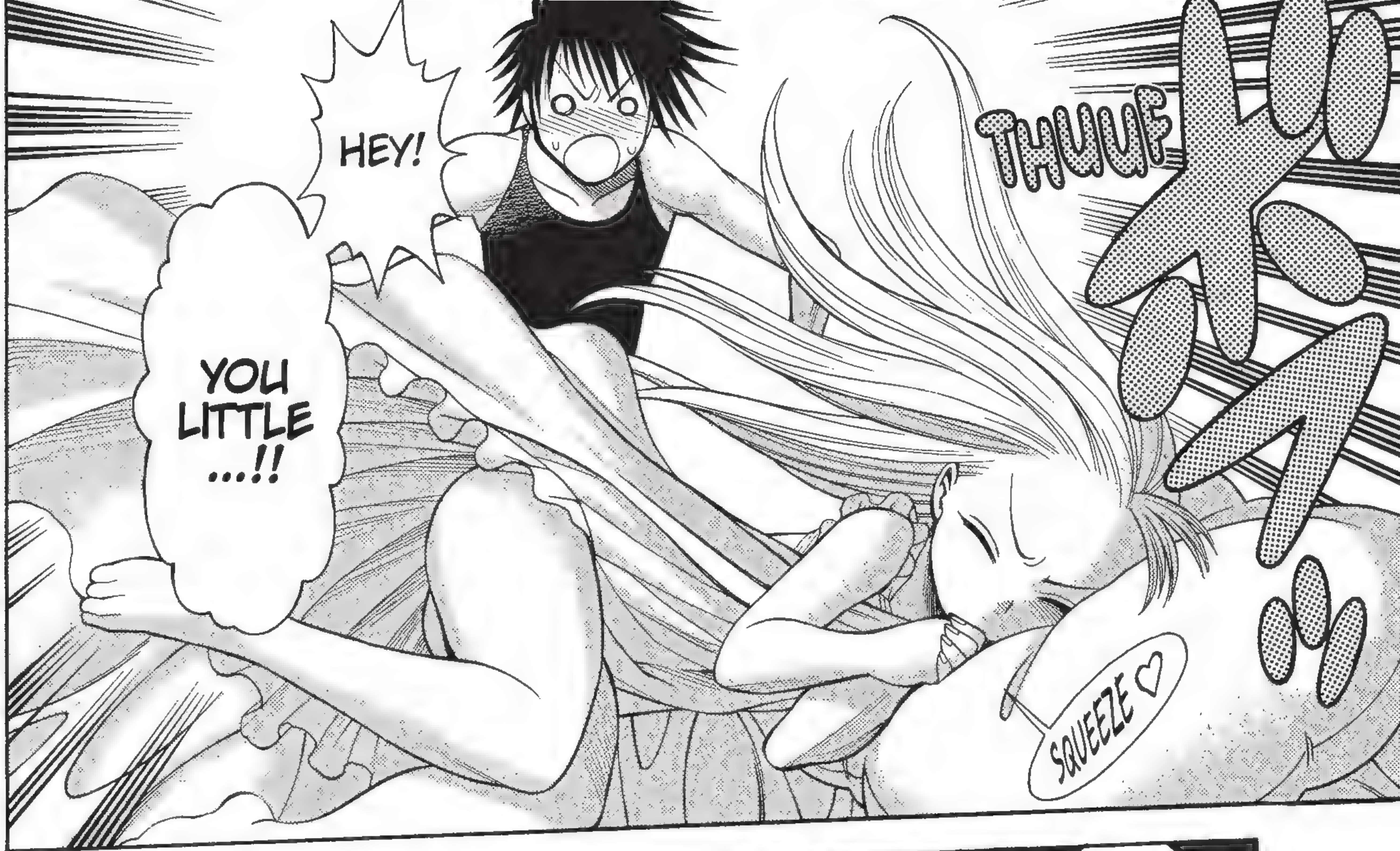
















WEREN'T  
YOU  
GOING TO  
SLEEP?

GIGGLE!



DO YOU  
REMEM-  
BER...?

THE LAST  
TIME WE MET,  
WE SLEPT  
TOGETHER  
JUST LIKE  
THIS.



WHY DIDN'T  
YOU JUST SAY  
SO TO START  
WITH IF THAT'S  
WHAT YOU  
WANTED?

JUST  
BE  
QUIET.



I'LL  
ALWAYS  
BE BY  
YOUR  
SIDE...

OF  
COURSE I  
REMEMBER...



I WAS SAD  
WHEN I  
WOKE UP  
AND YOU  
WEREN'T  
THERE.



YES.

THE  
"SLEEP  
OF THE  
DEAD"?



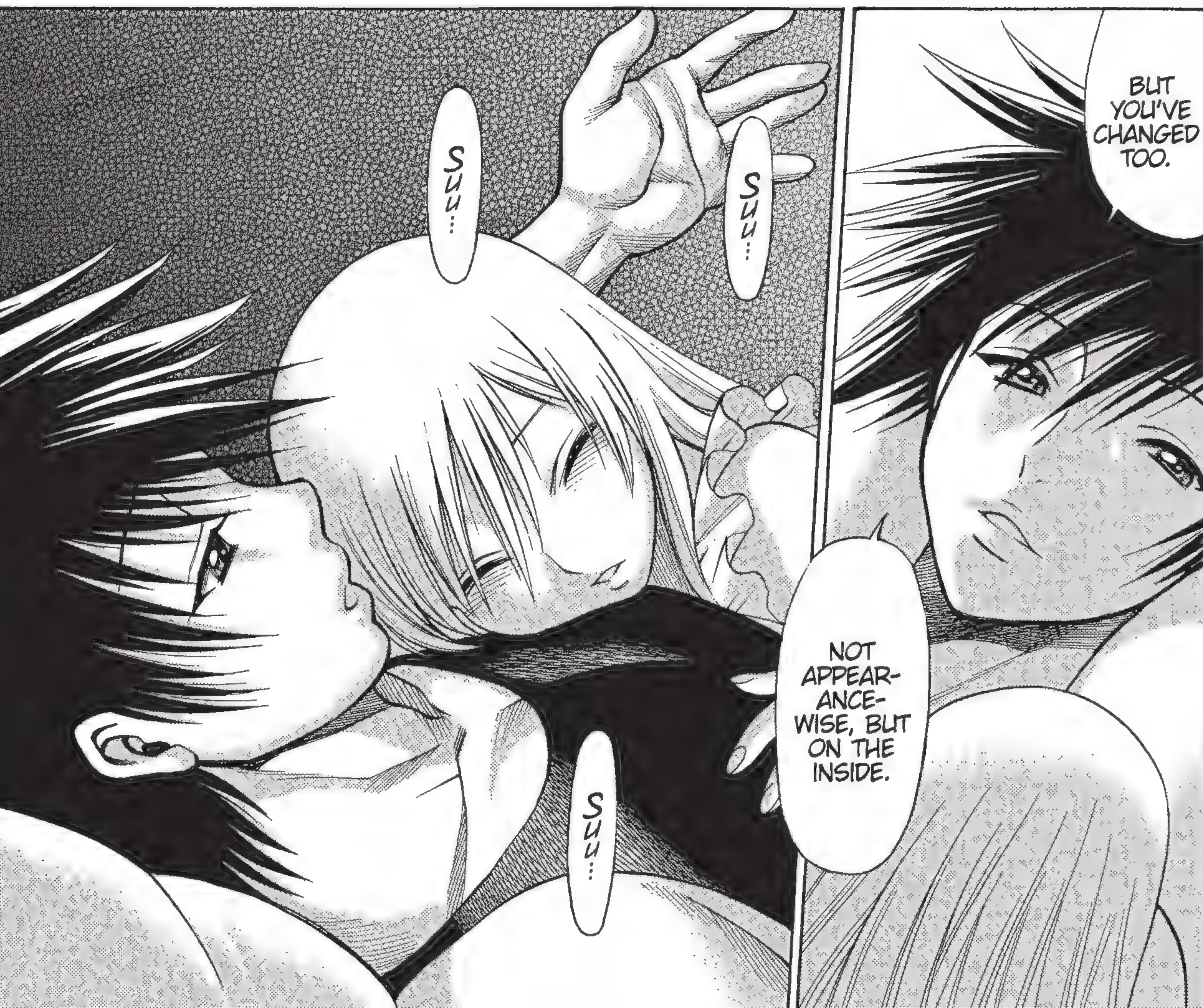
I COULDN'T  
HELP IT!  
THAT'S HOW  
VAMPIRES  
SLEEP.

YOU  
WOULDN'T  
WAKE UP,  
HIME-SAN.

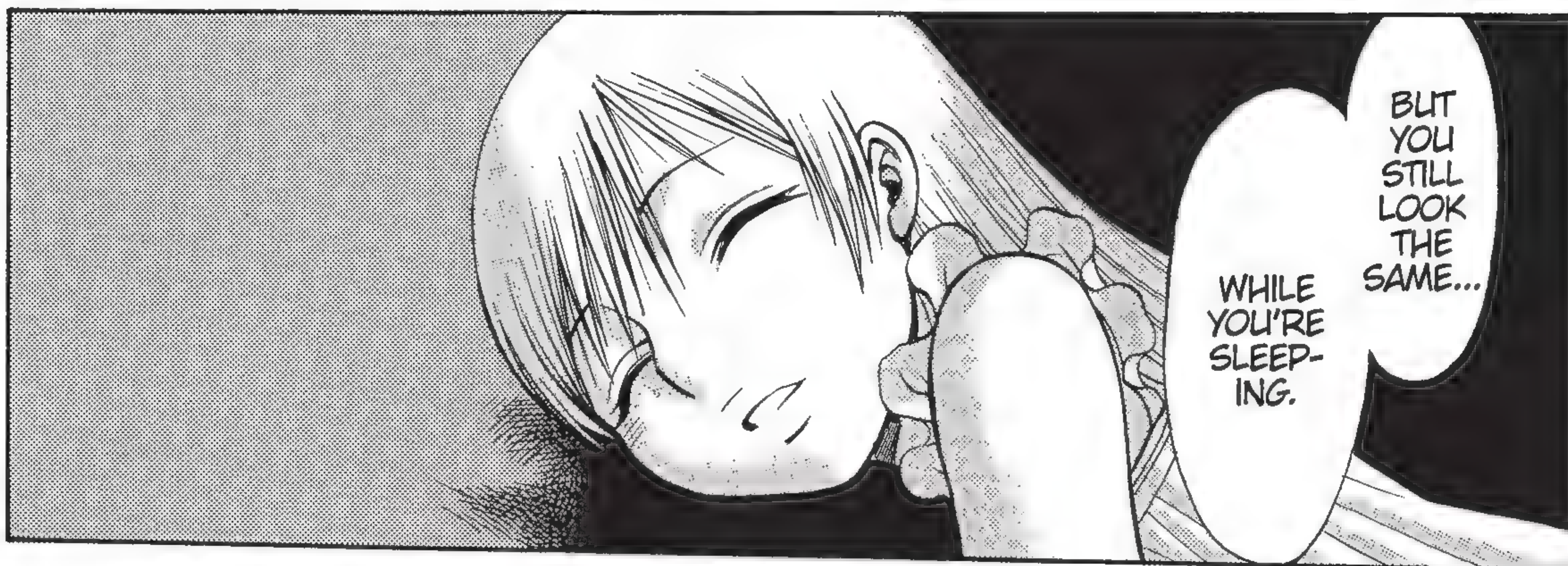
And I was  
about to  
miss my  
flight!











WHILE  
YOU'RE  
SLEEP-  
ING.

BUT  
YOU  
STILL  
LOOK  
THE  
SAME...



I'LL NEVER  
FORGET THAT  
FLEETING,  
BEAUTIFUL  
SMILE OF  
HERS.

AKIRA...WILL  
YOU STAY  
WITH ME  
FOREVER...?

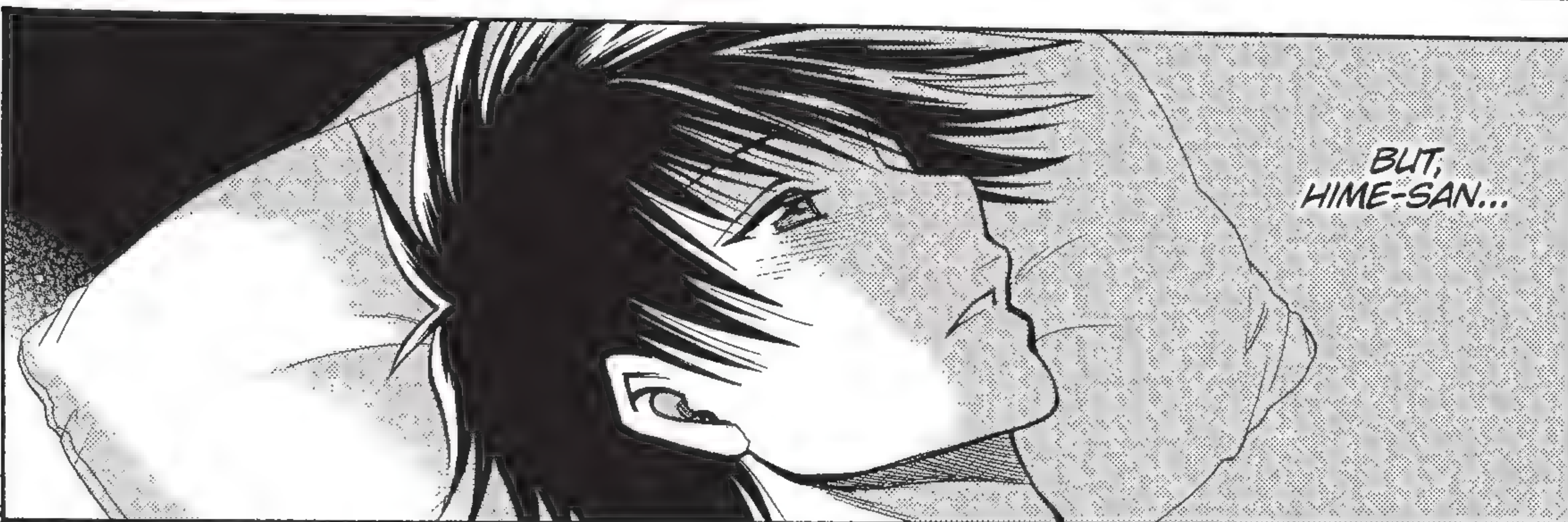
IT'S  
BEEN  
SEVEN  
YEARS  
SINCE  
THAT DAY...



EVEN  
WITH MY  
CHILDISH,  
ONE-TRACK  
MIND.

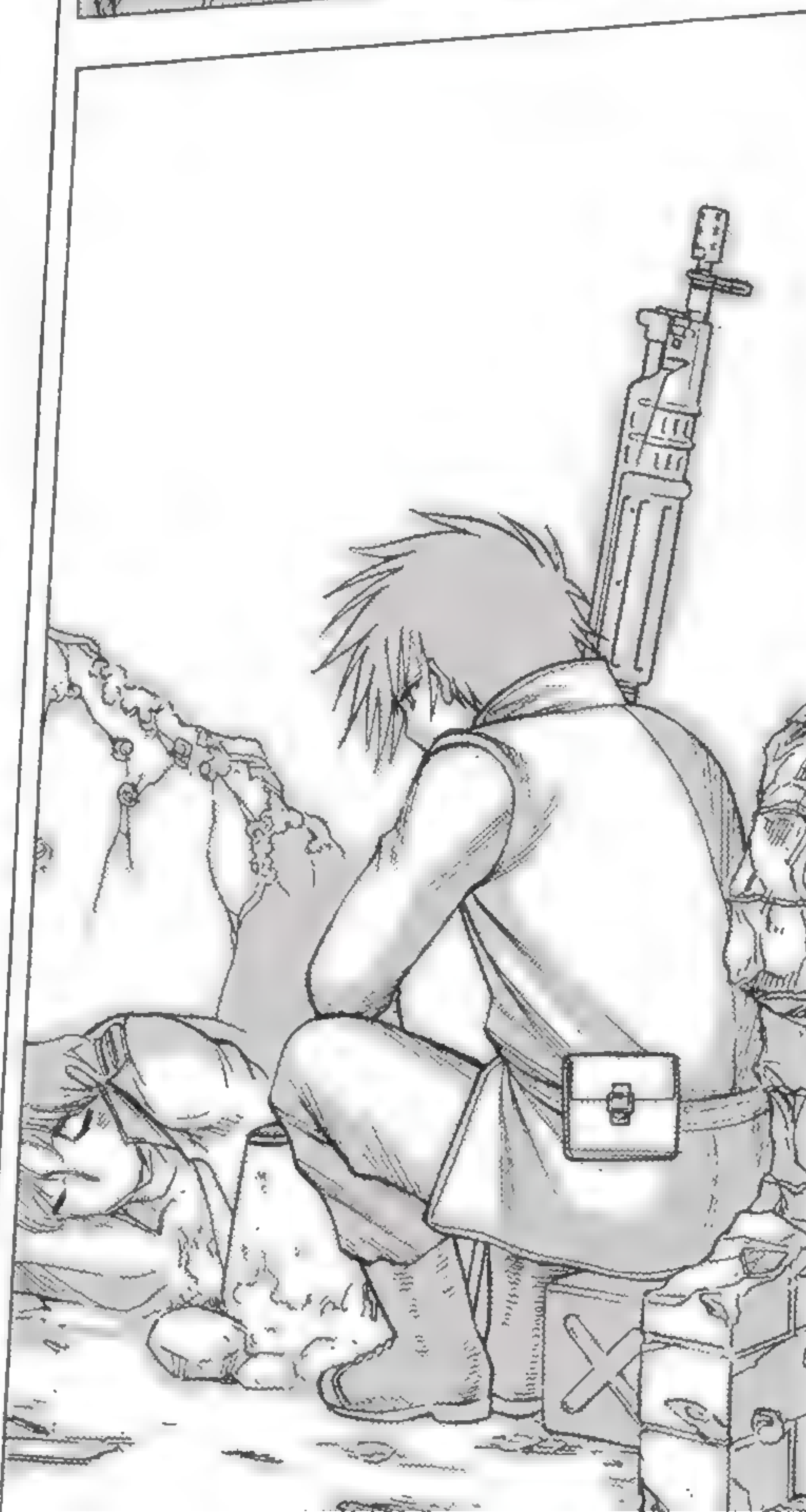
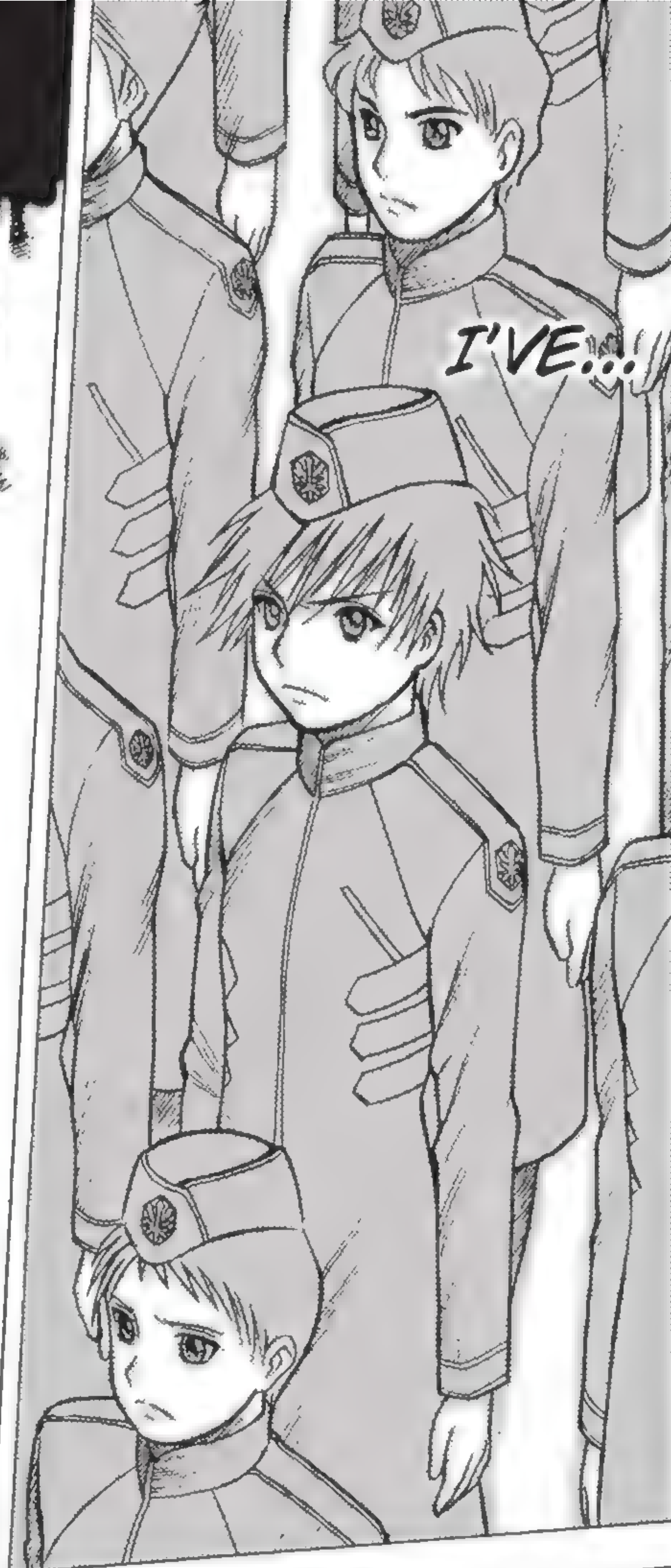
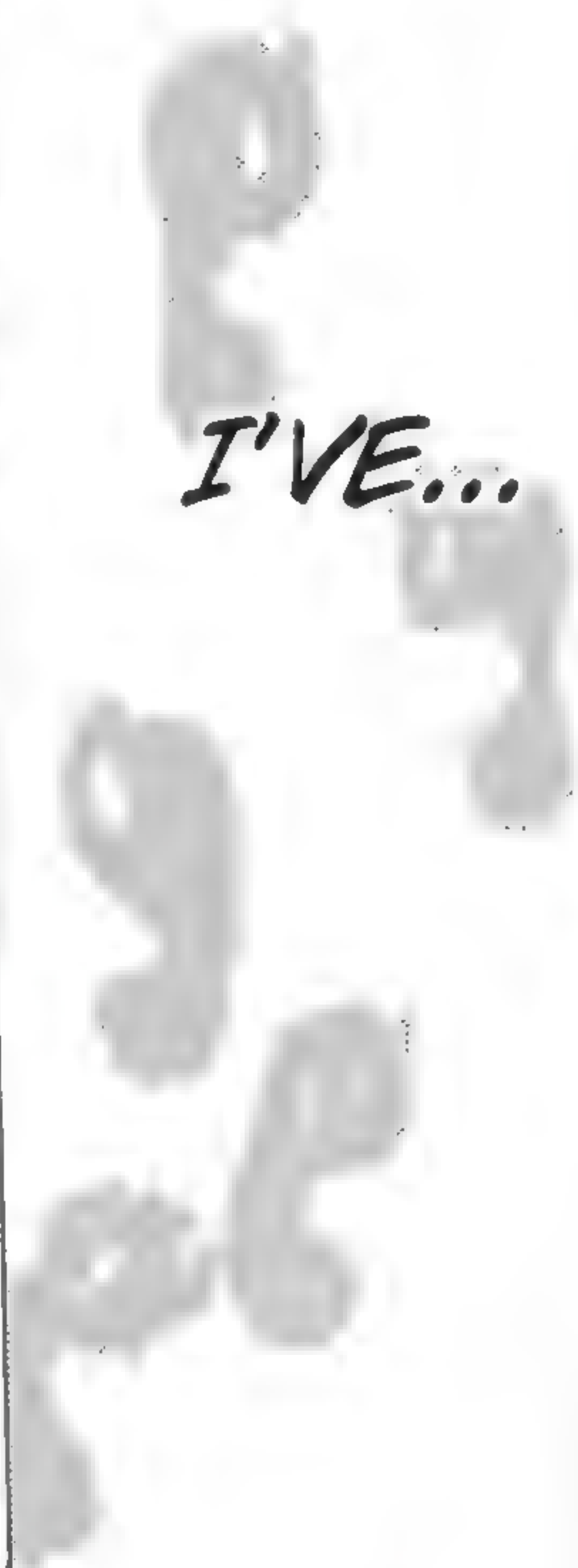
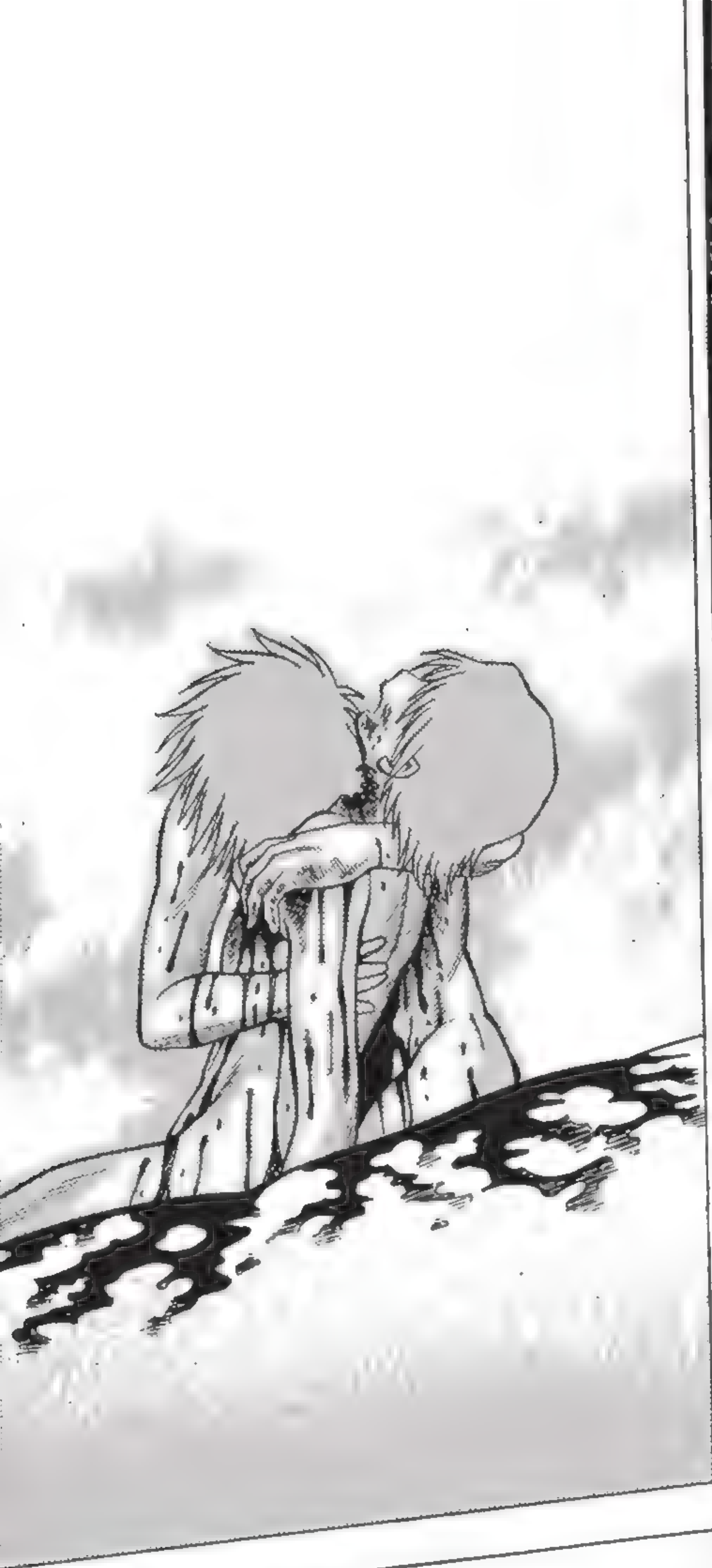
THAT WAS  
WHAT I  
HONESTLY  
FELT...

I WOULD DO  
ANYTHING  
IF IT MEANT  
THAT I  
COULD STAY  
WITH HER.



BUT,  
HIME-SAN...



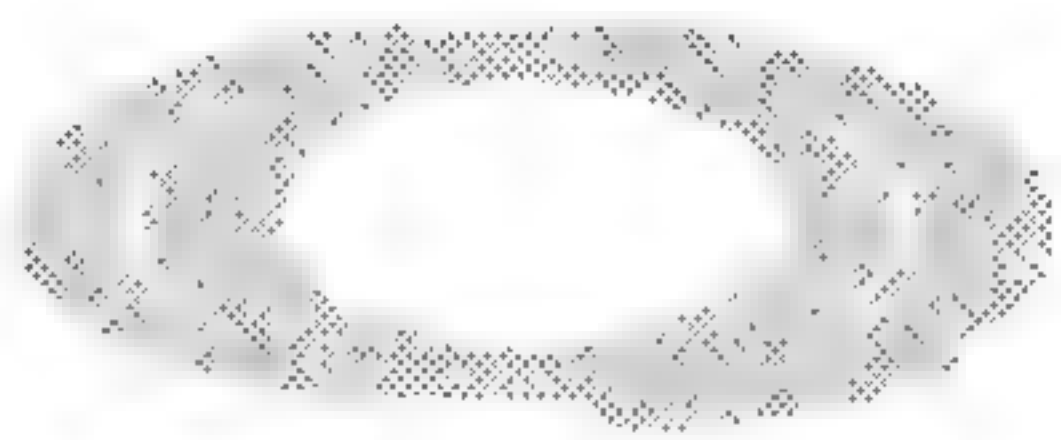




AND...

I'VE  
CHANGED  
SO  
MUCH.

I'VE  
CHANGED.



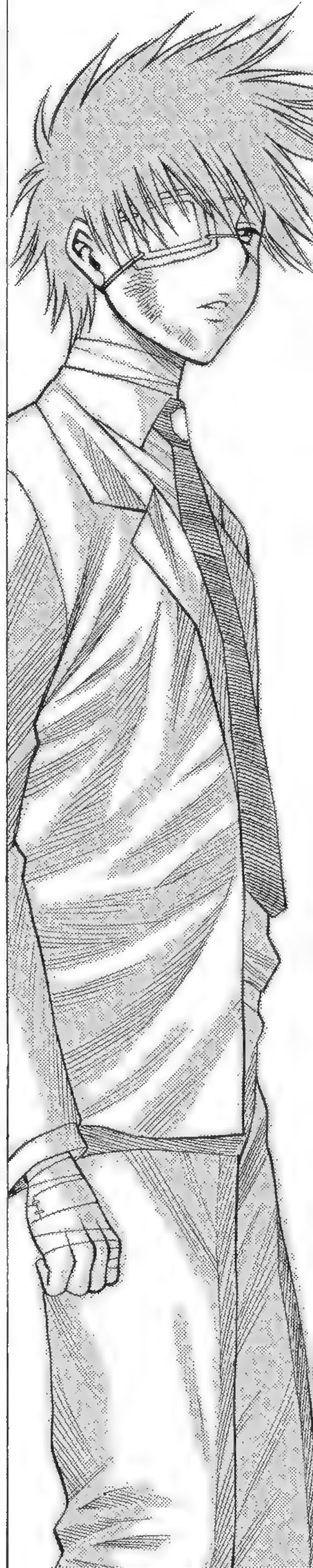
HERE...

TODAY...  
IS YOUR  
BIRTHDAY,  
RIGHT...?



I HOPE  
YOU LIKE  
IT...

AKIRA-  
KUN?





SEVEN YEARS  
APART WAS  
TOO LONG...

YOU  
HAVE  
TOO.

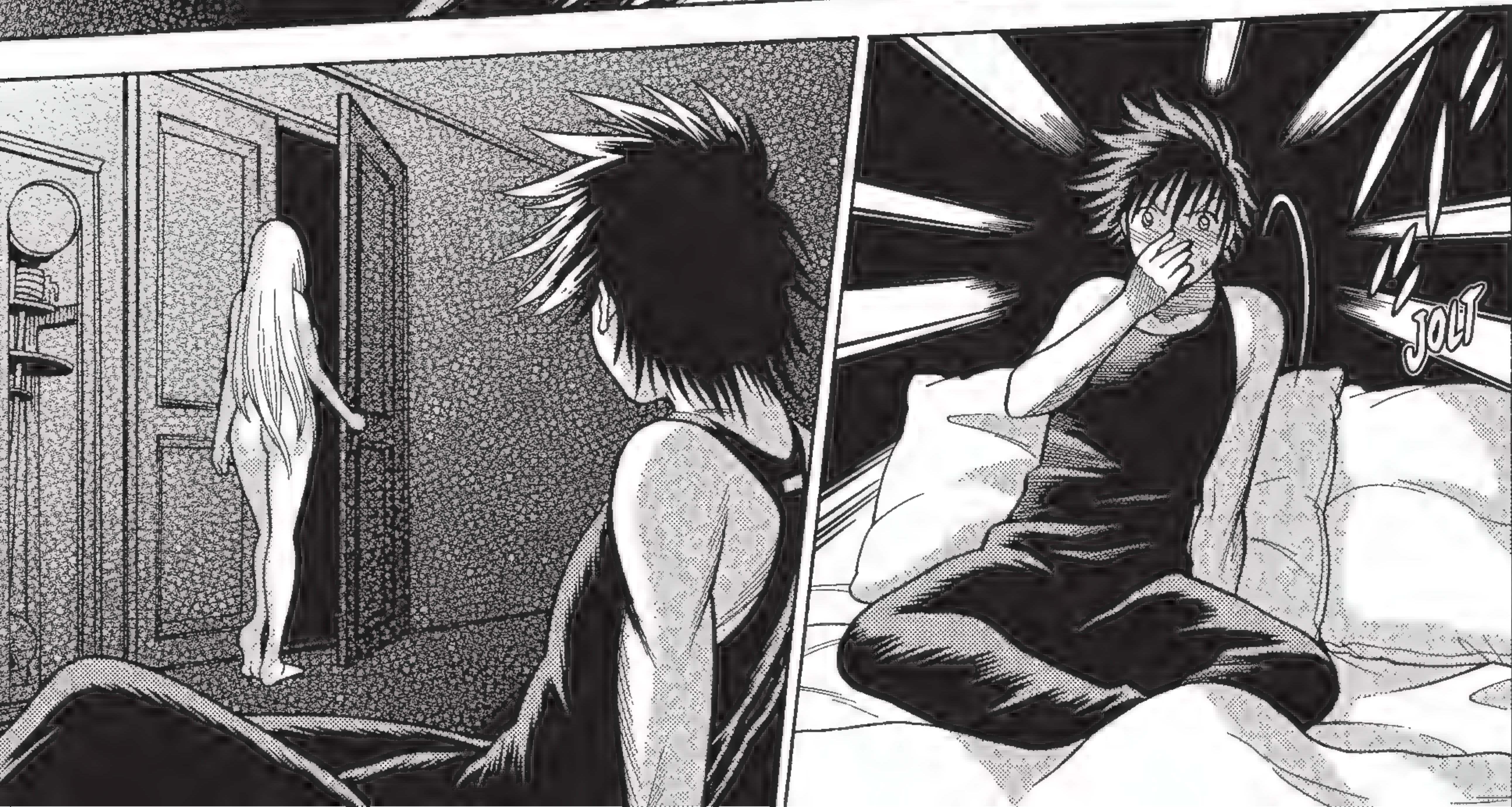
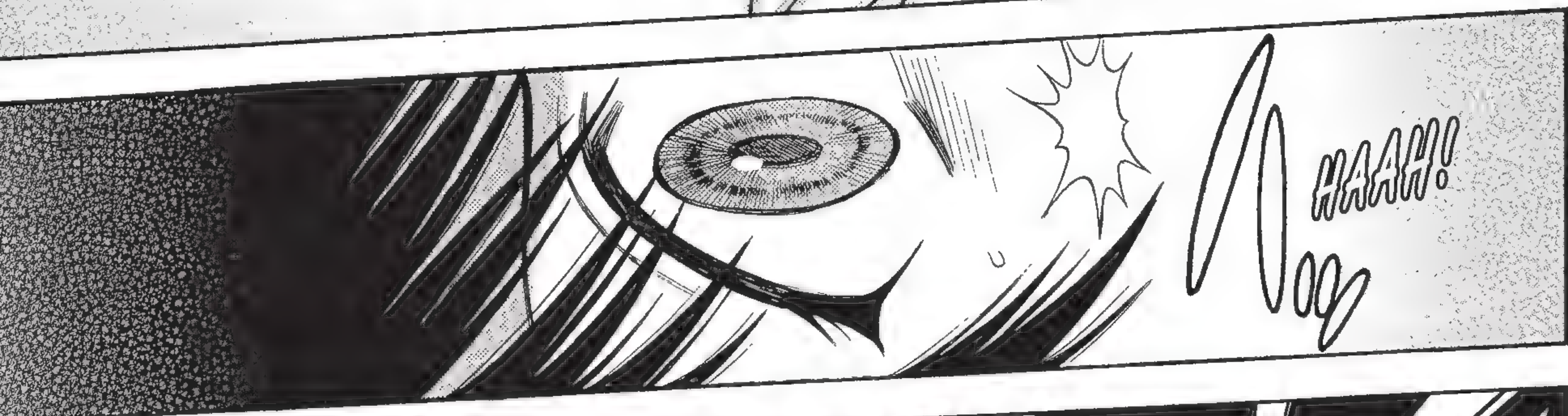
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FAR TOO  
LONG...

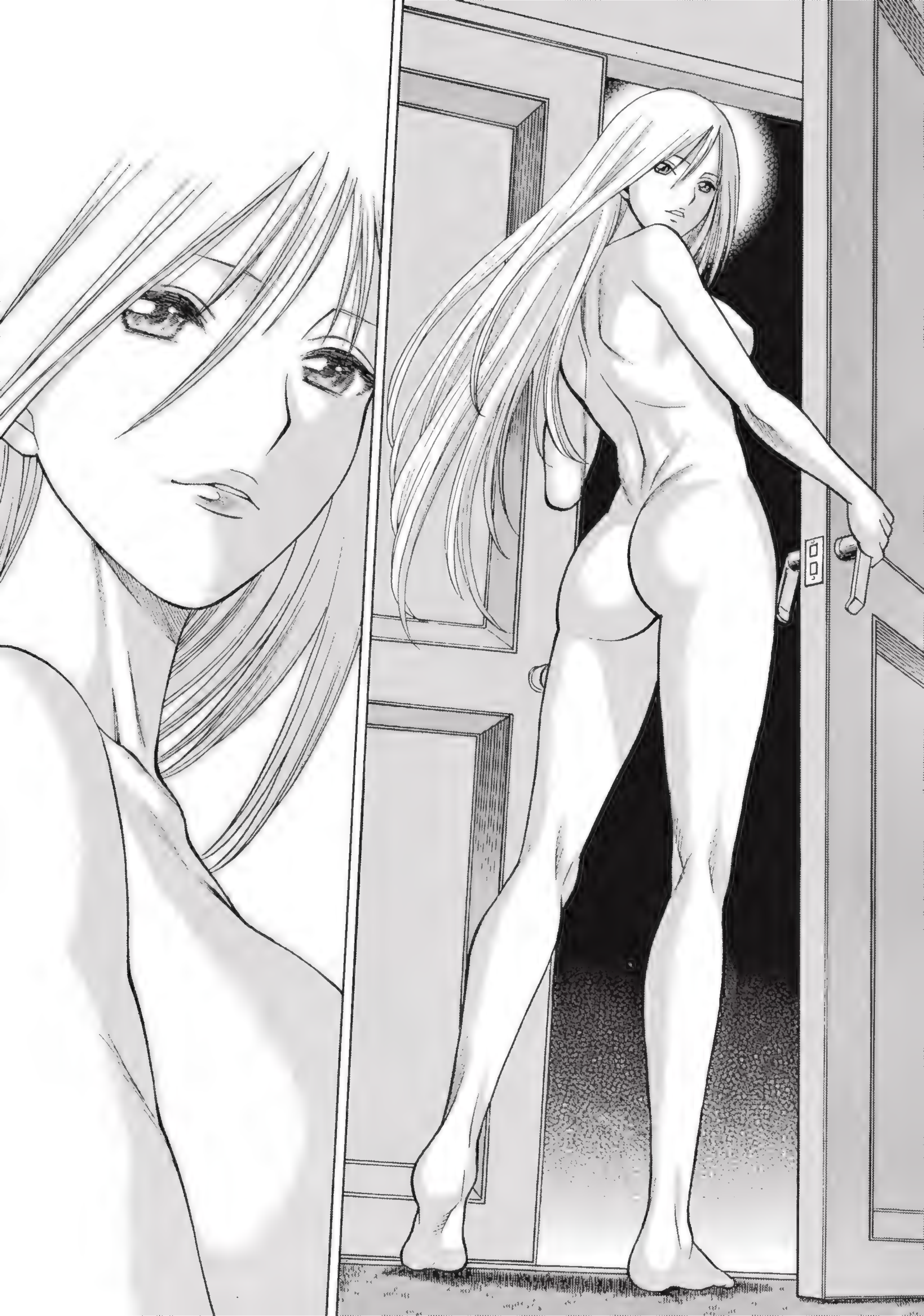




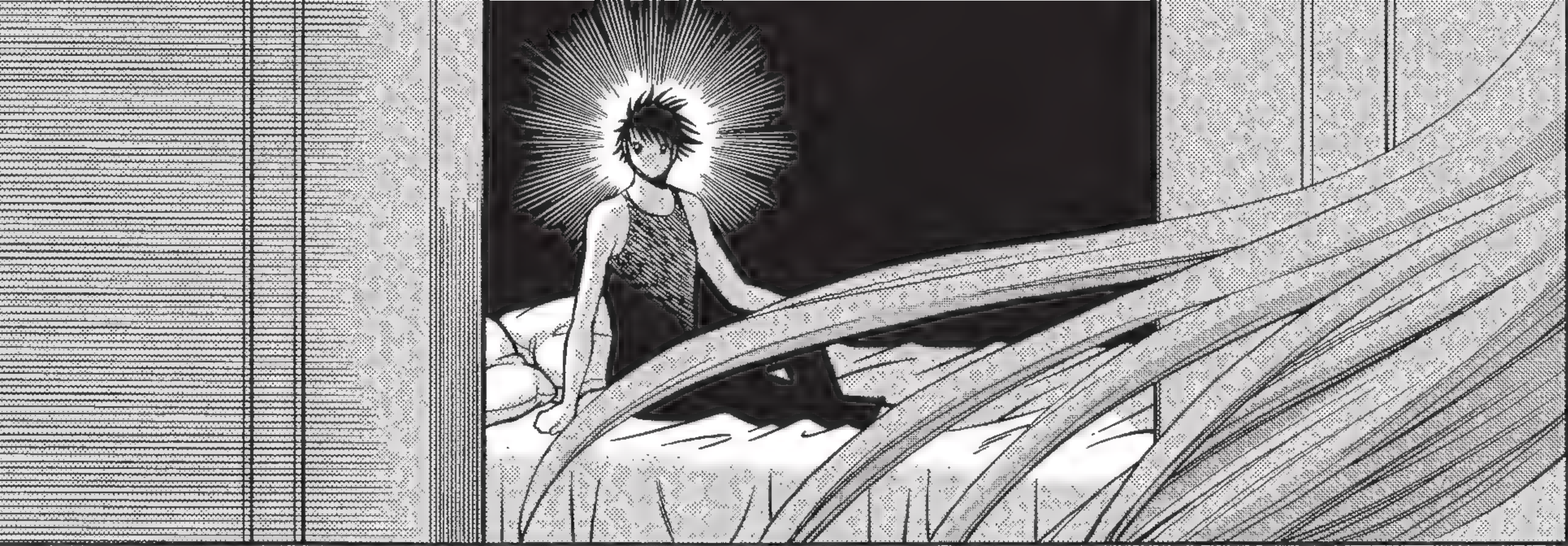












AND MORE  
IMPORTANTLY,  
WHAT DID SHE  
JUST...?

WHO...  
WAS THAT...?

I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
ANYONE LIKE  
HER BEING  
IN THIS  
BUILDING...



HIME  
...?

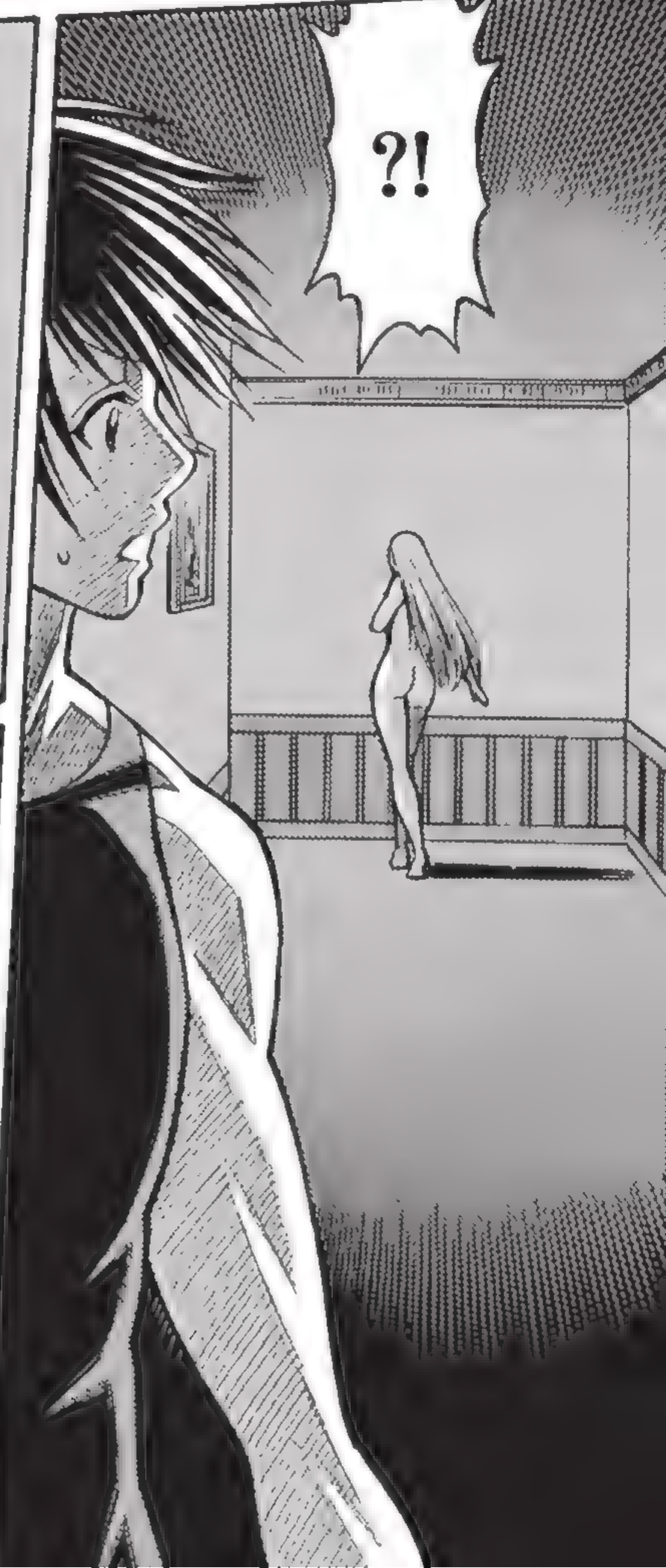
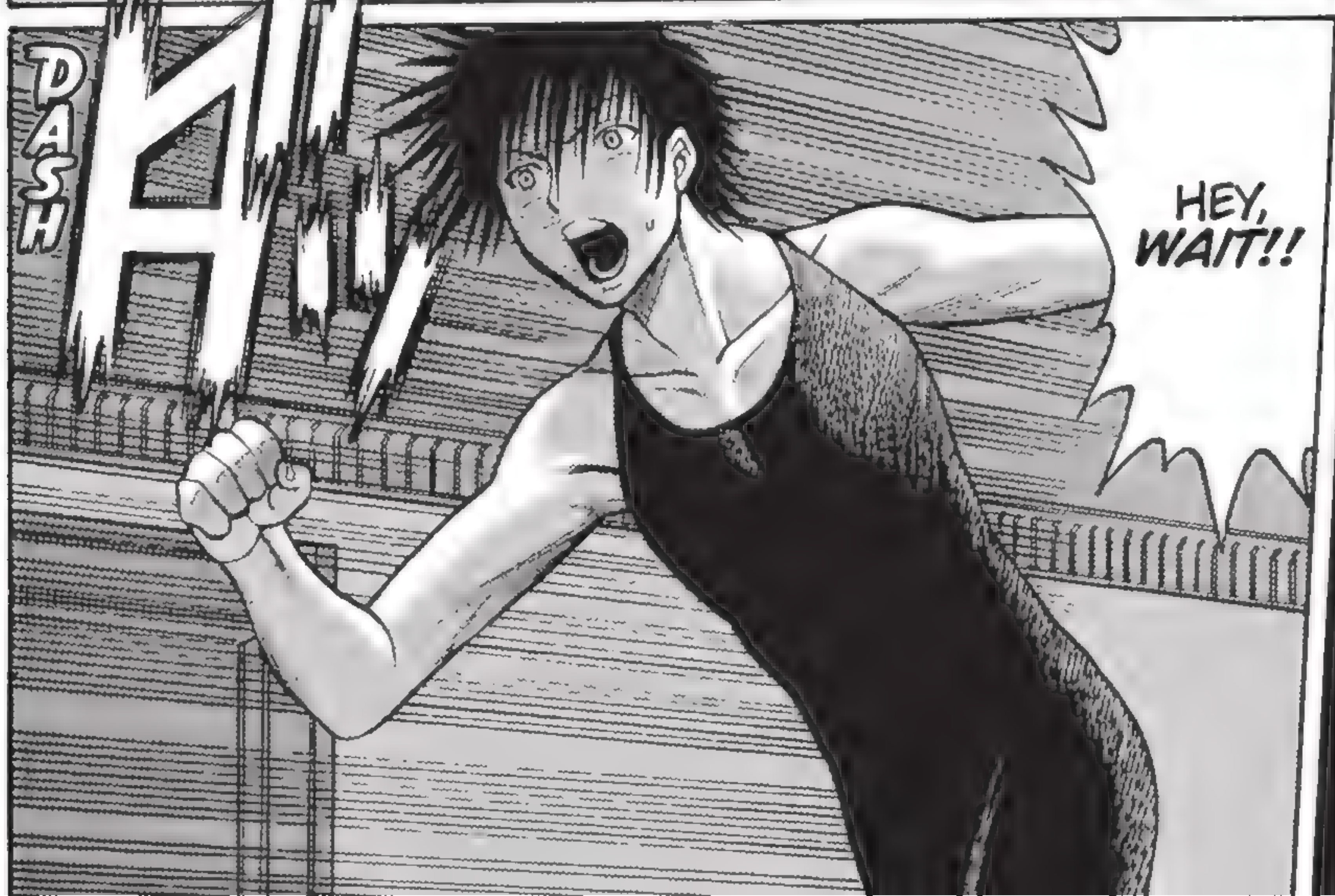
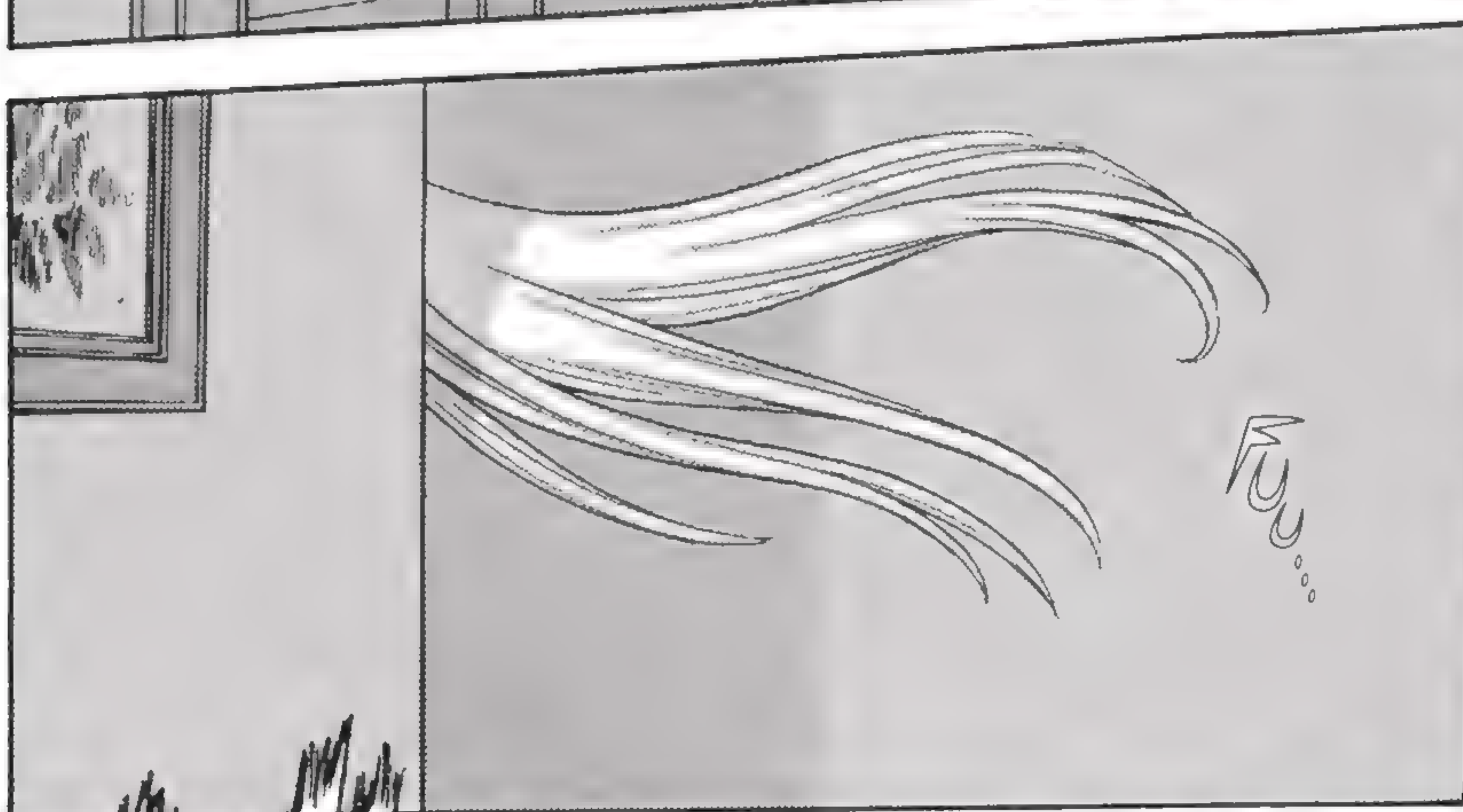


THERE  
WAS A  
WOMAN  
JUST--!

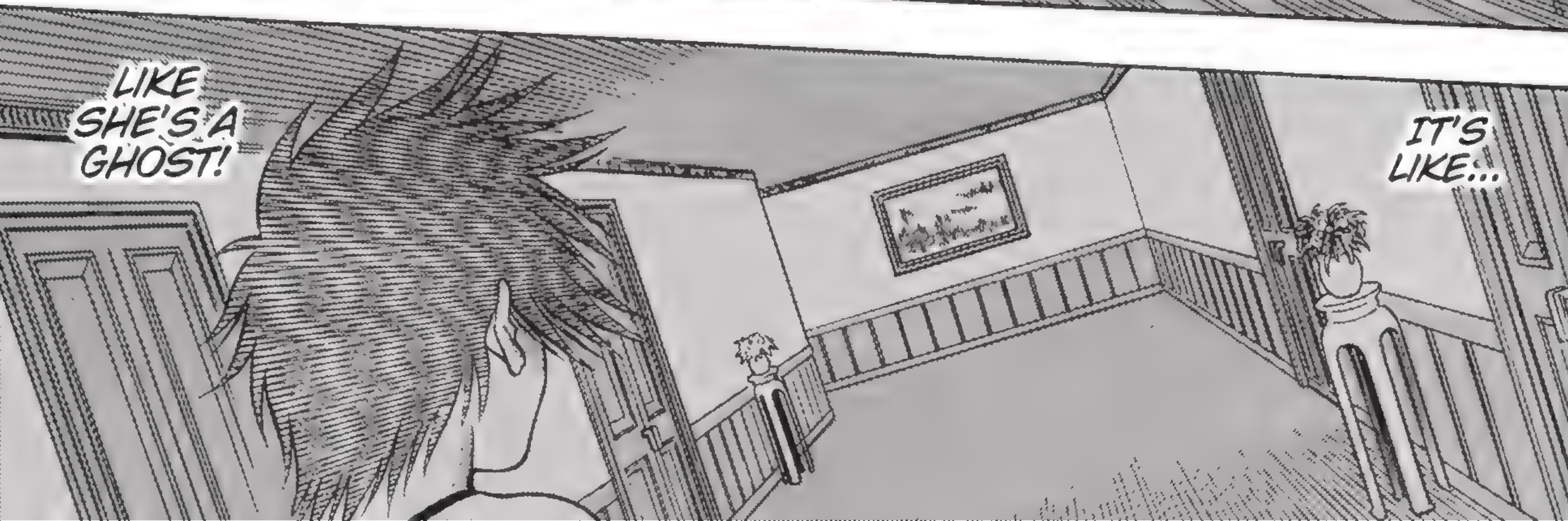
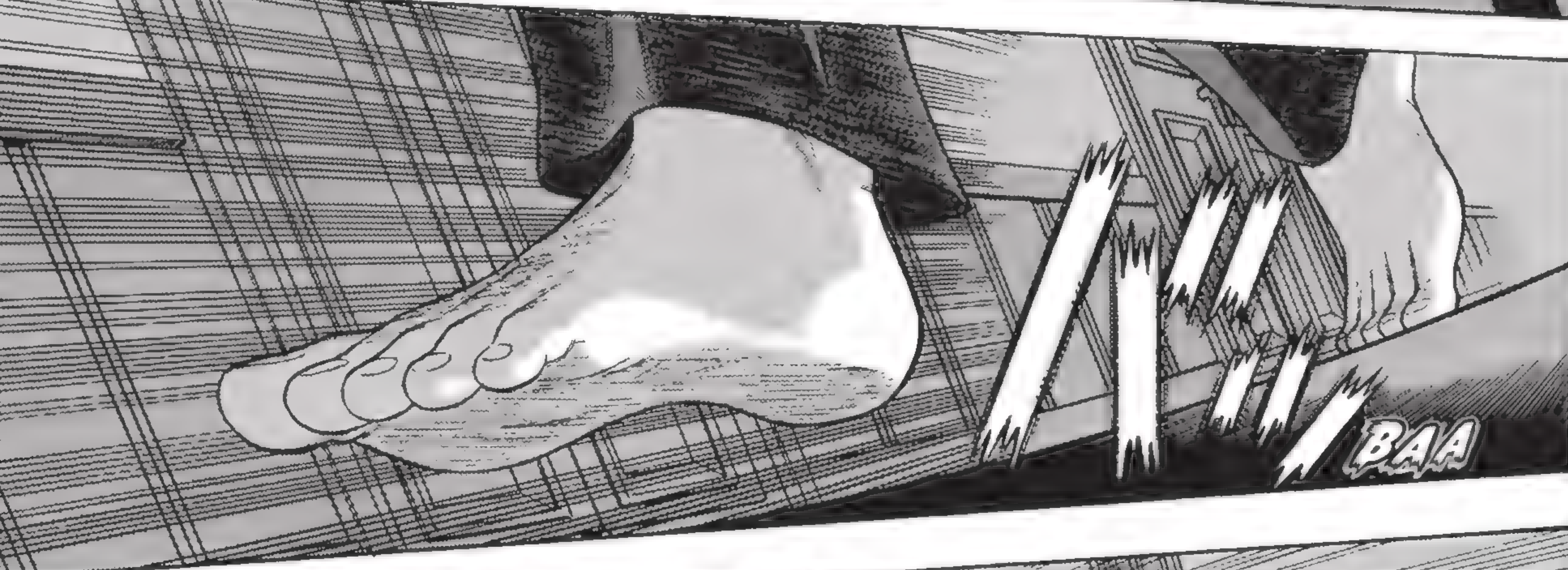
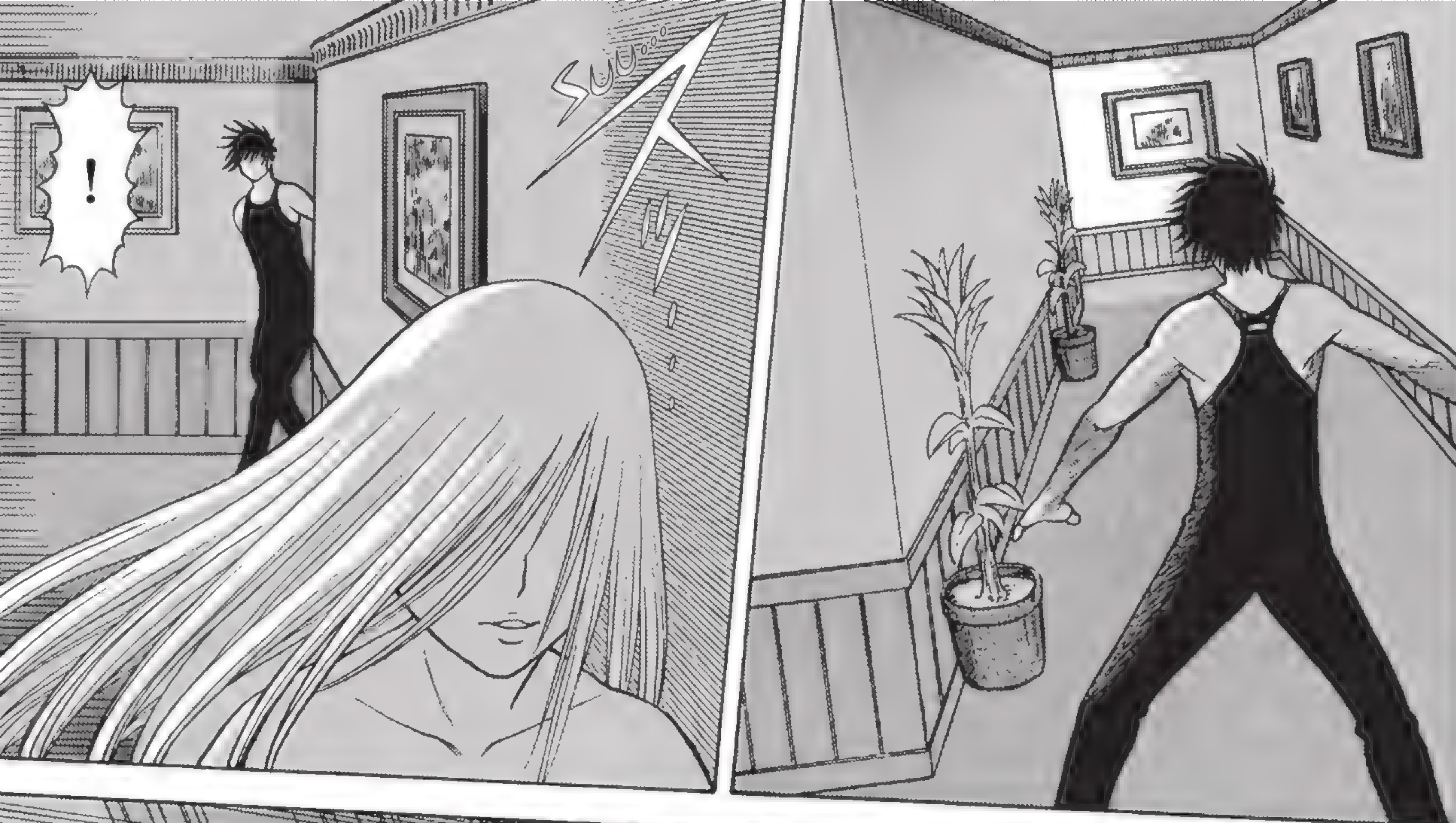
HEY,  
HIME-  
SAN,  
WAKE  
UP!



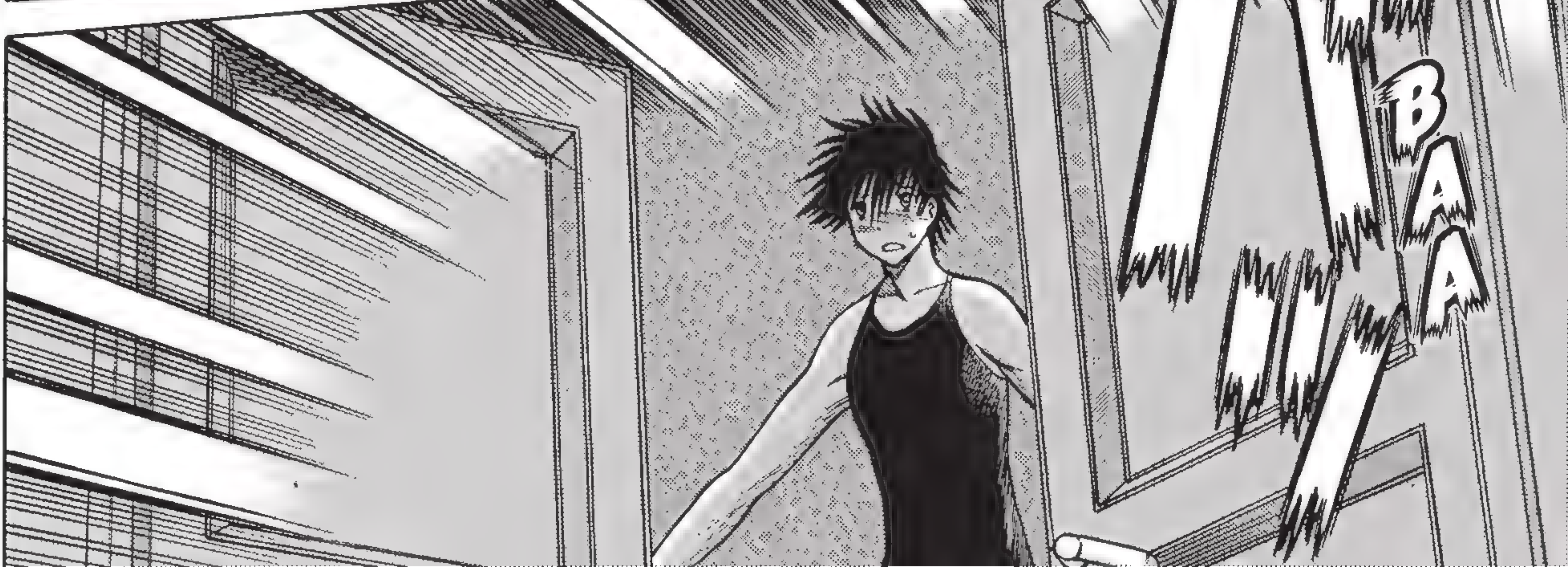
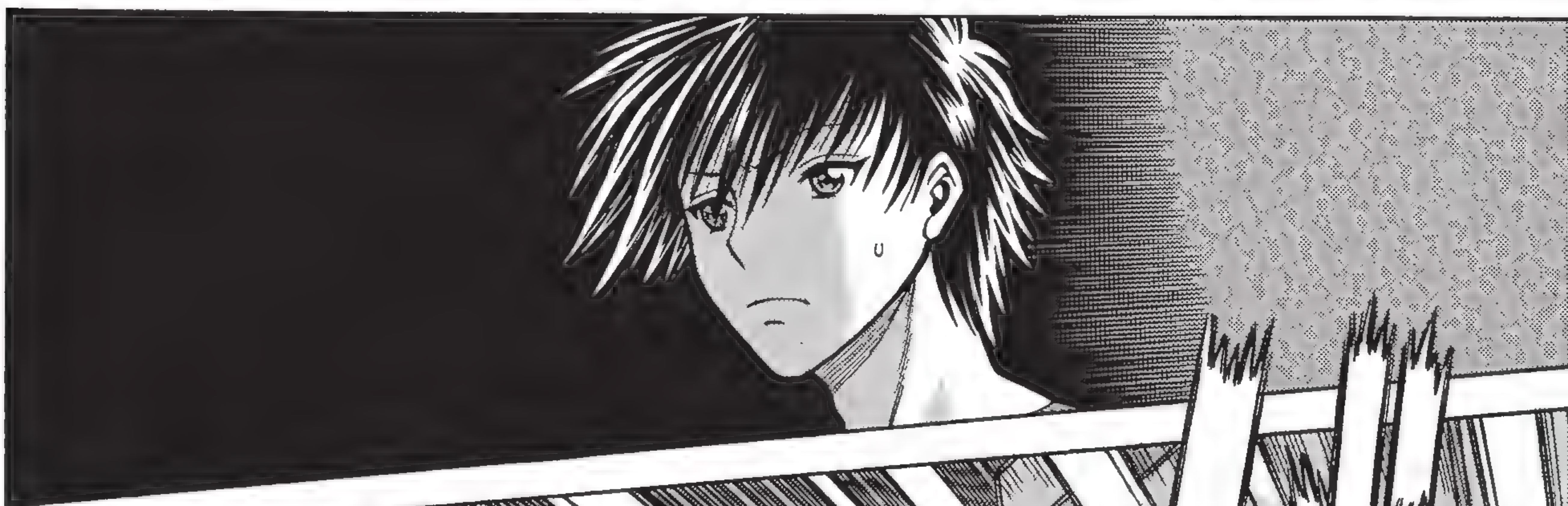
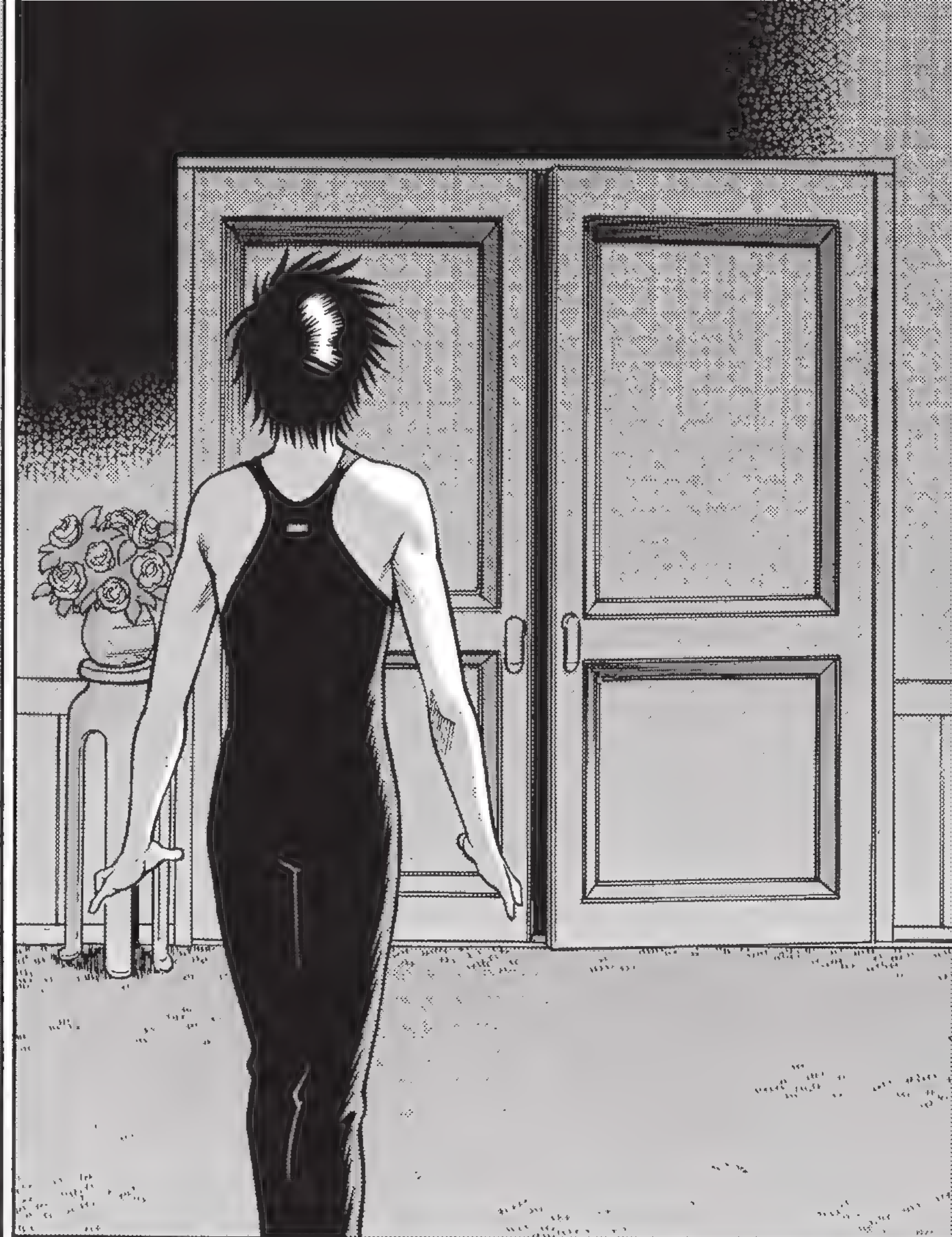
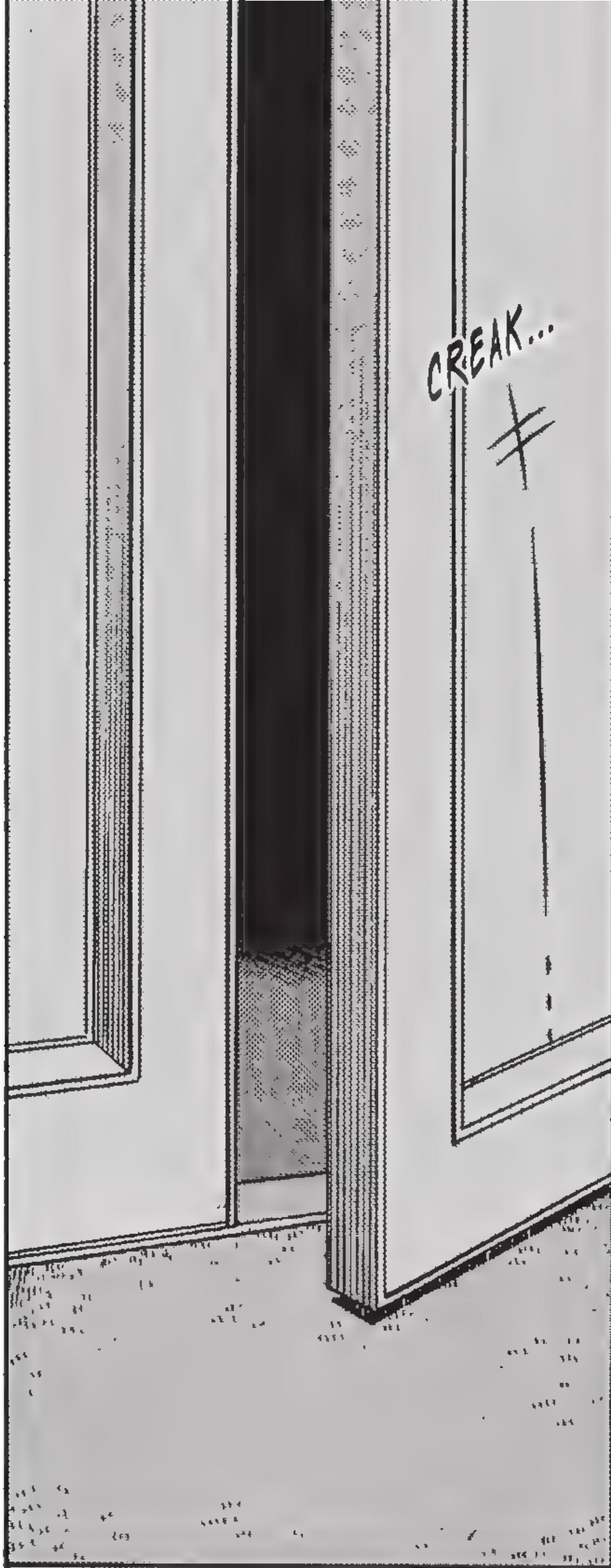




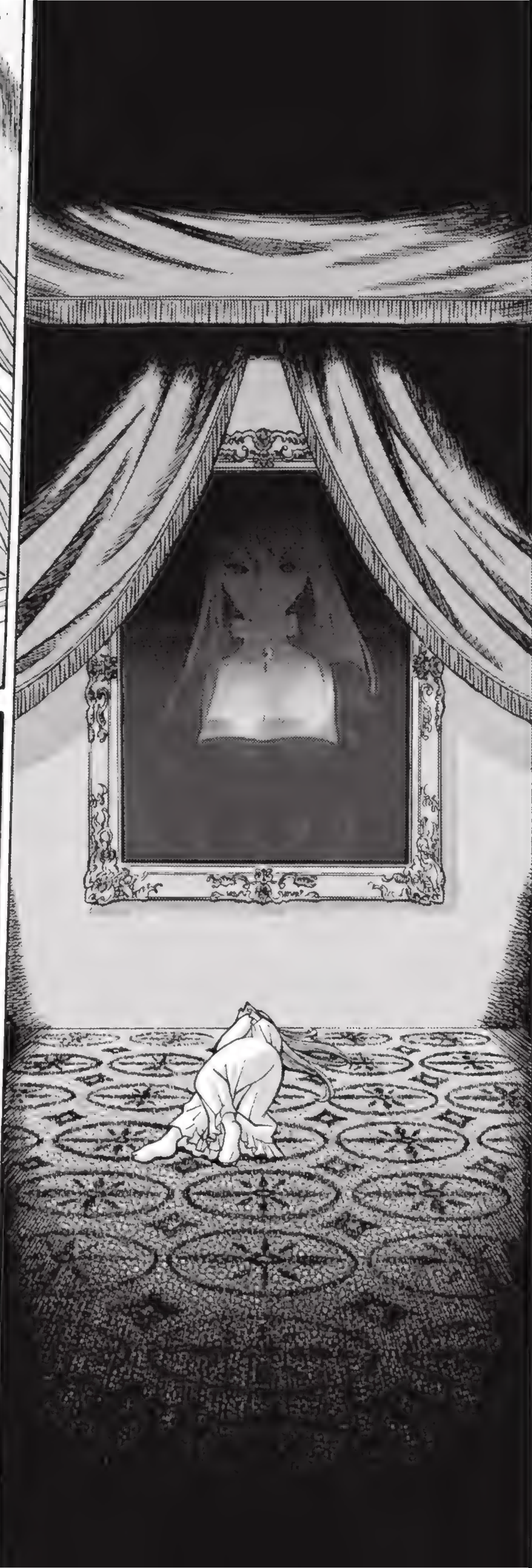




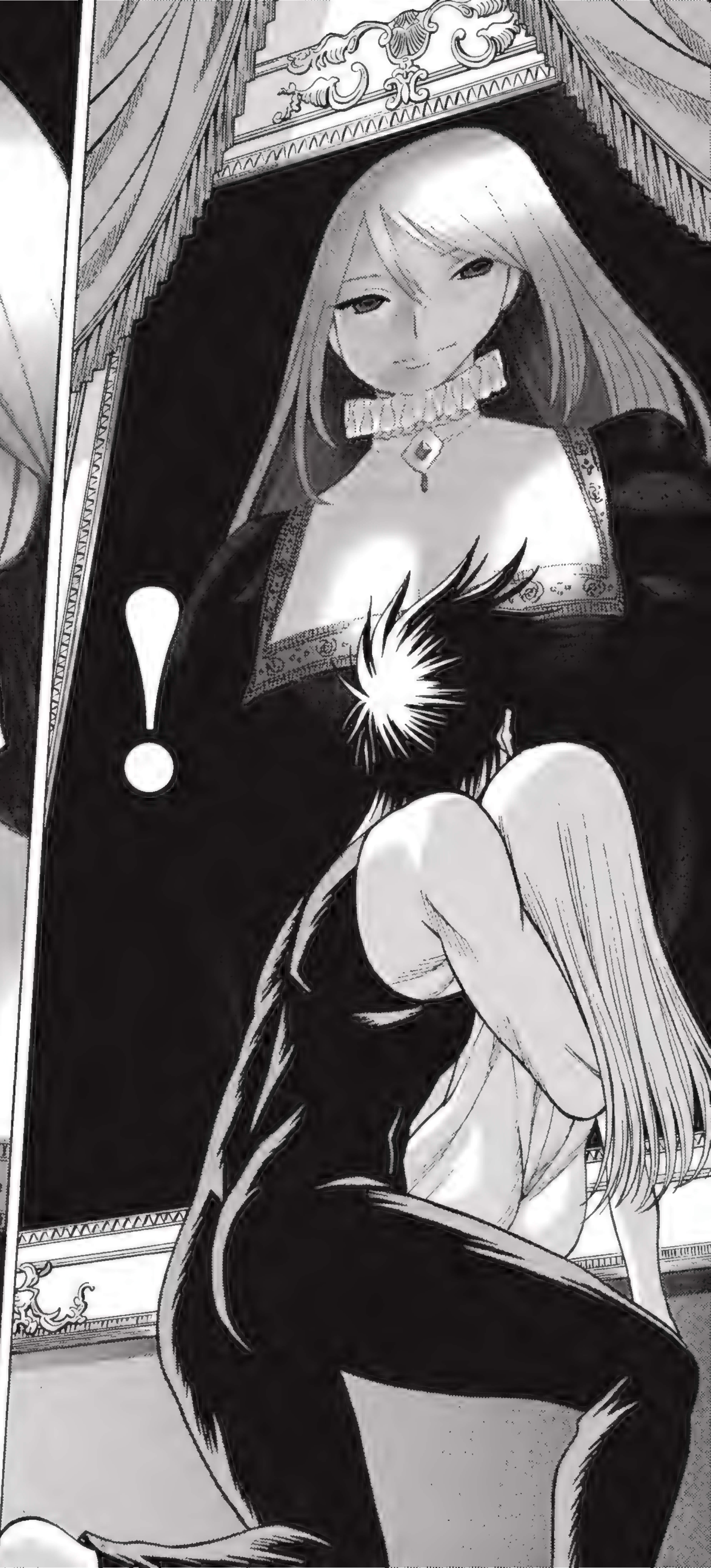
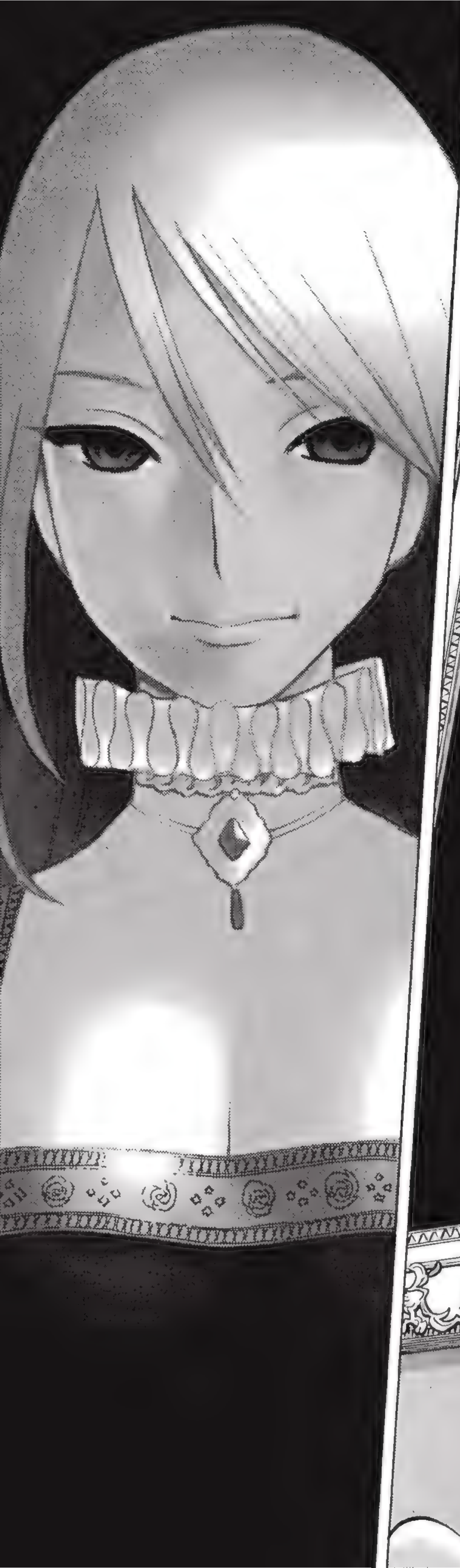




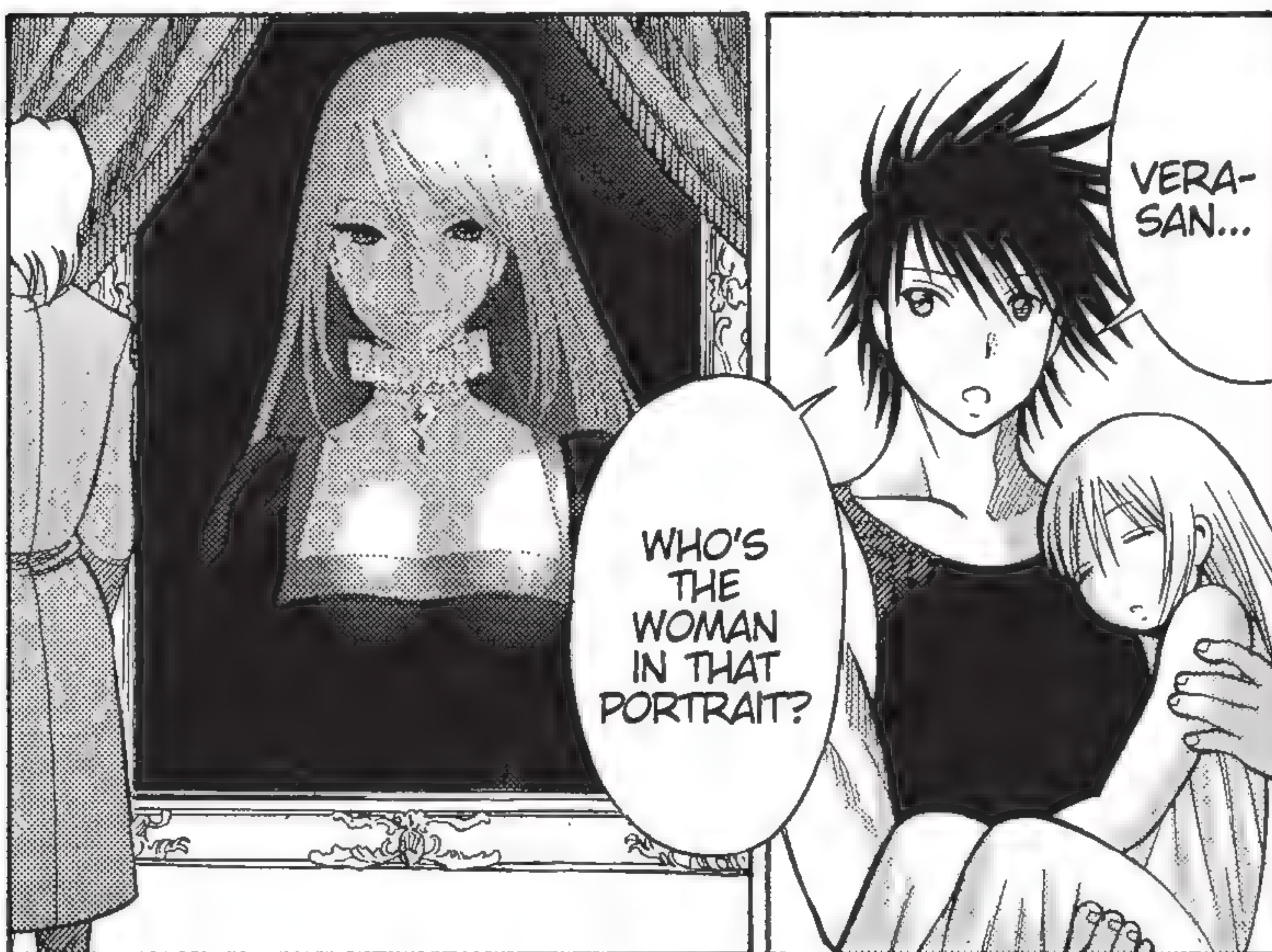
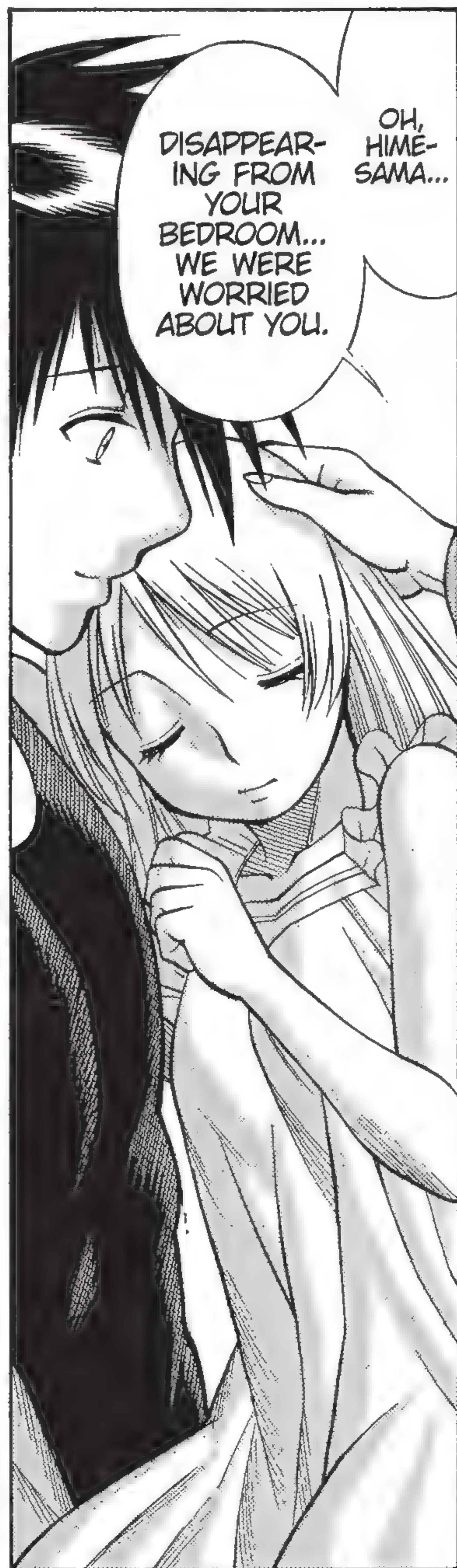
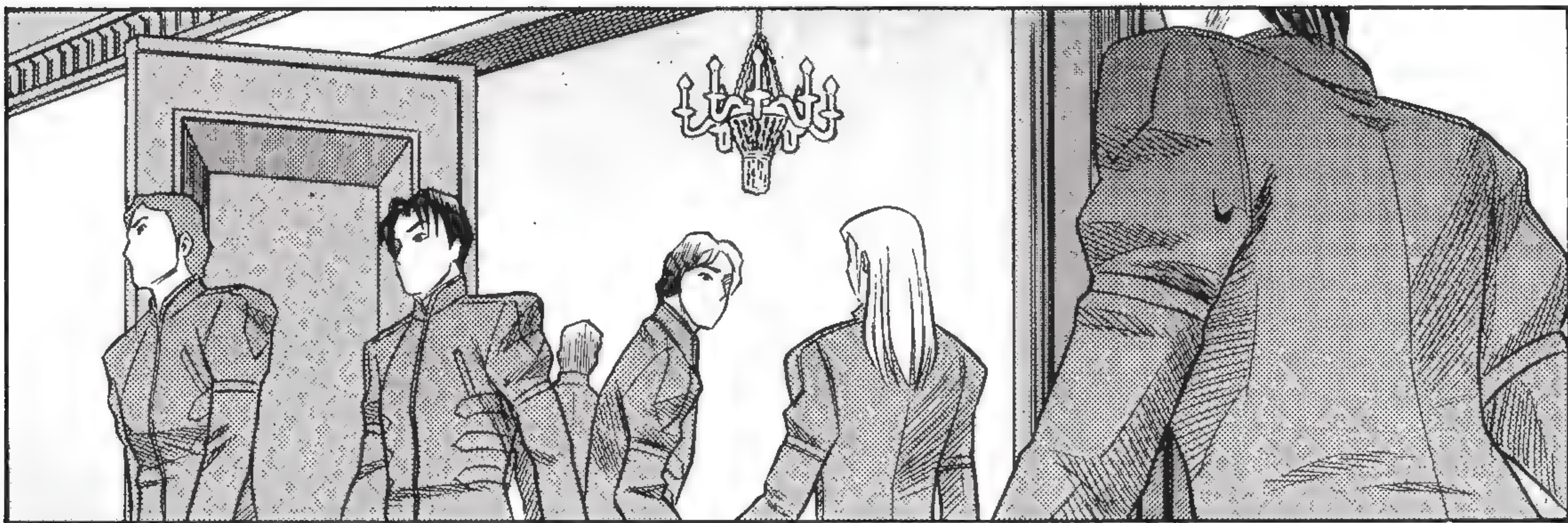




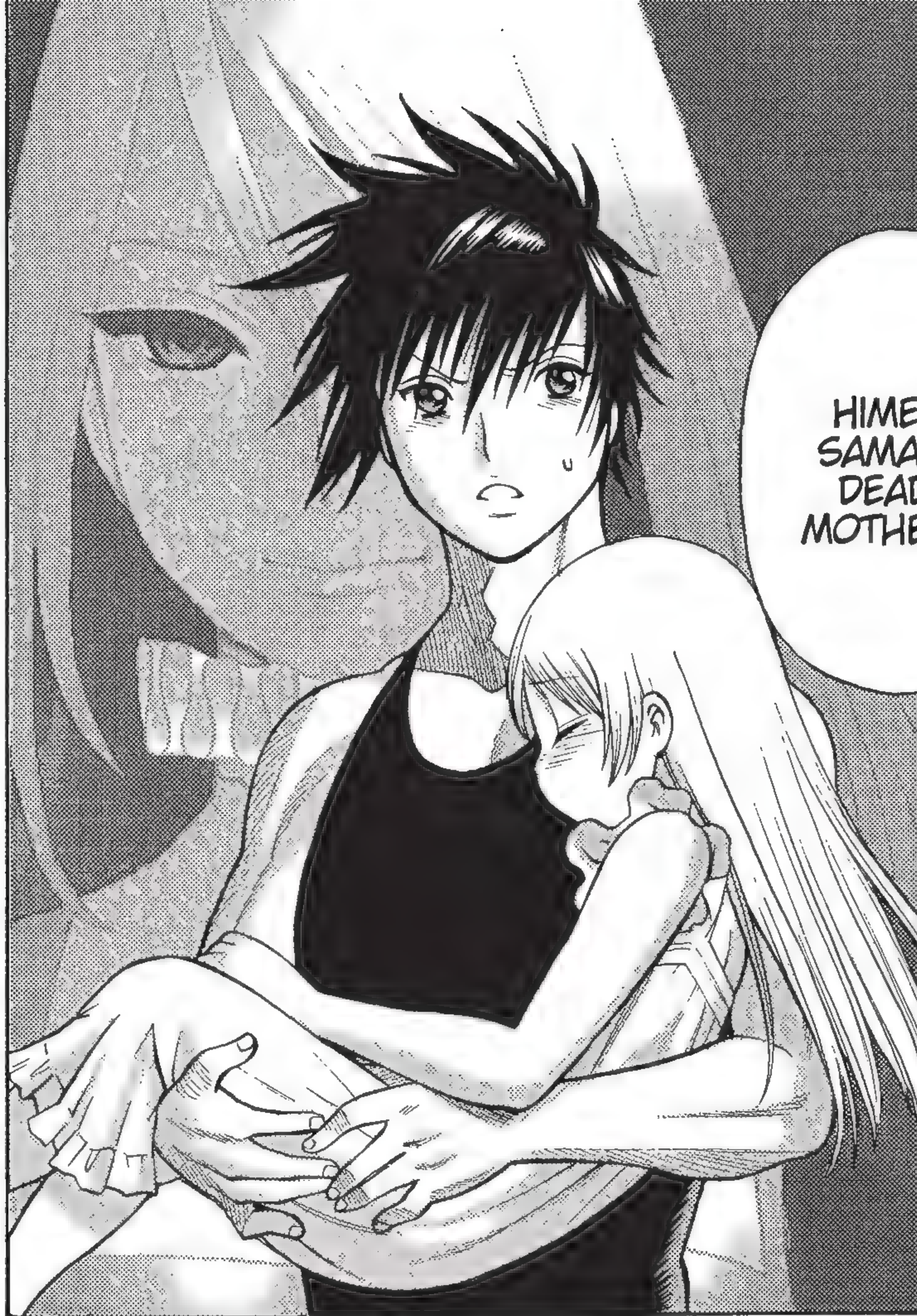












HIME-SAMA'S DEAD MOTHER.



LUCREZIA-SAMA, THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF THE TEPEŞ FAMILY...



UH, NO, IT... IT'S NOTHING.

WHAT ABOUT HER?



DON'T EXIST...

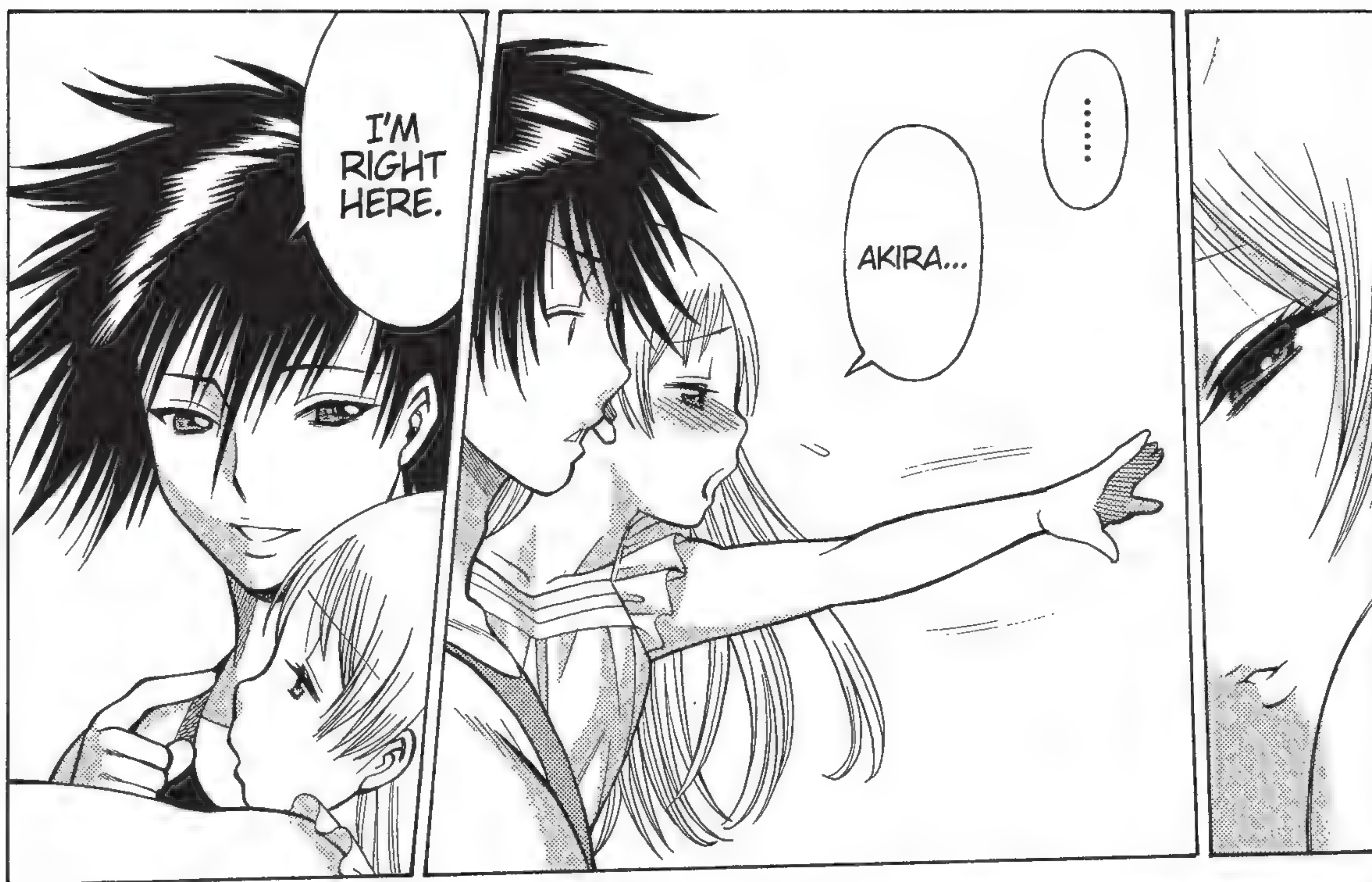
GHOSTS...



IT CAN'T BE HER.

IMPOSSIBLE...!









I'LL  
BE RIGHT  
HERE BY  
YOUR  
SIDE.

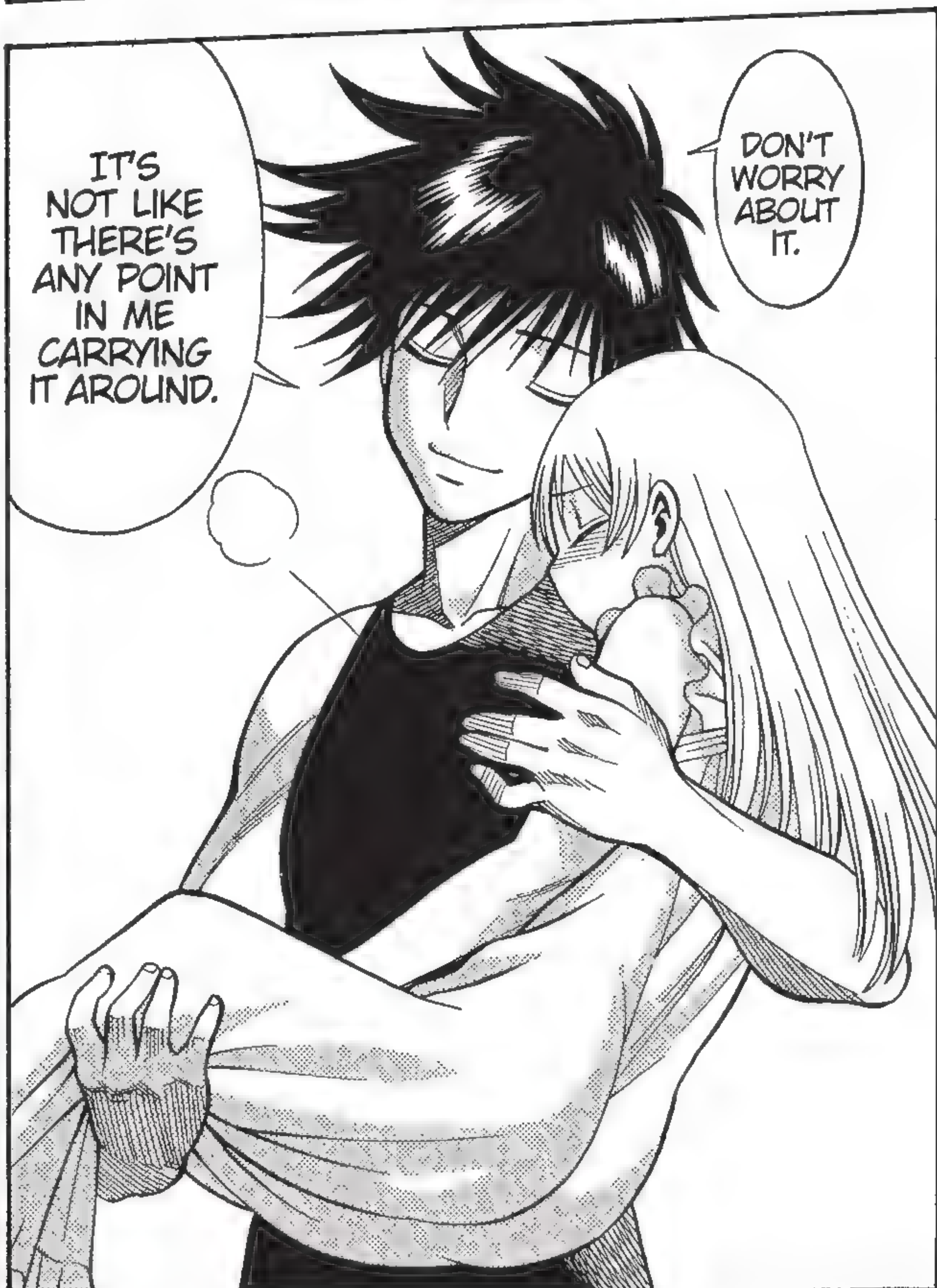
JUST  
SLEEP  
TIGHT...



AKIRA,  
I'M  
SORRY.

I  
SWEAR  
I...I'LL  
FIND IT  
LATER...

I LOST  
THAT RING  
SOME-  
WHERE.



IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
THERE'S  
ANY POINT  
IN ME  
CARRYING  
IT AROUND.

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
IT.

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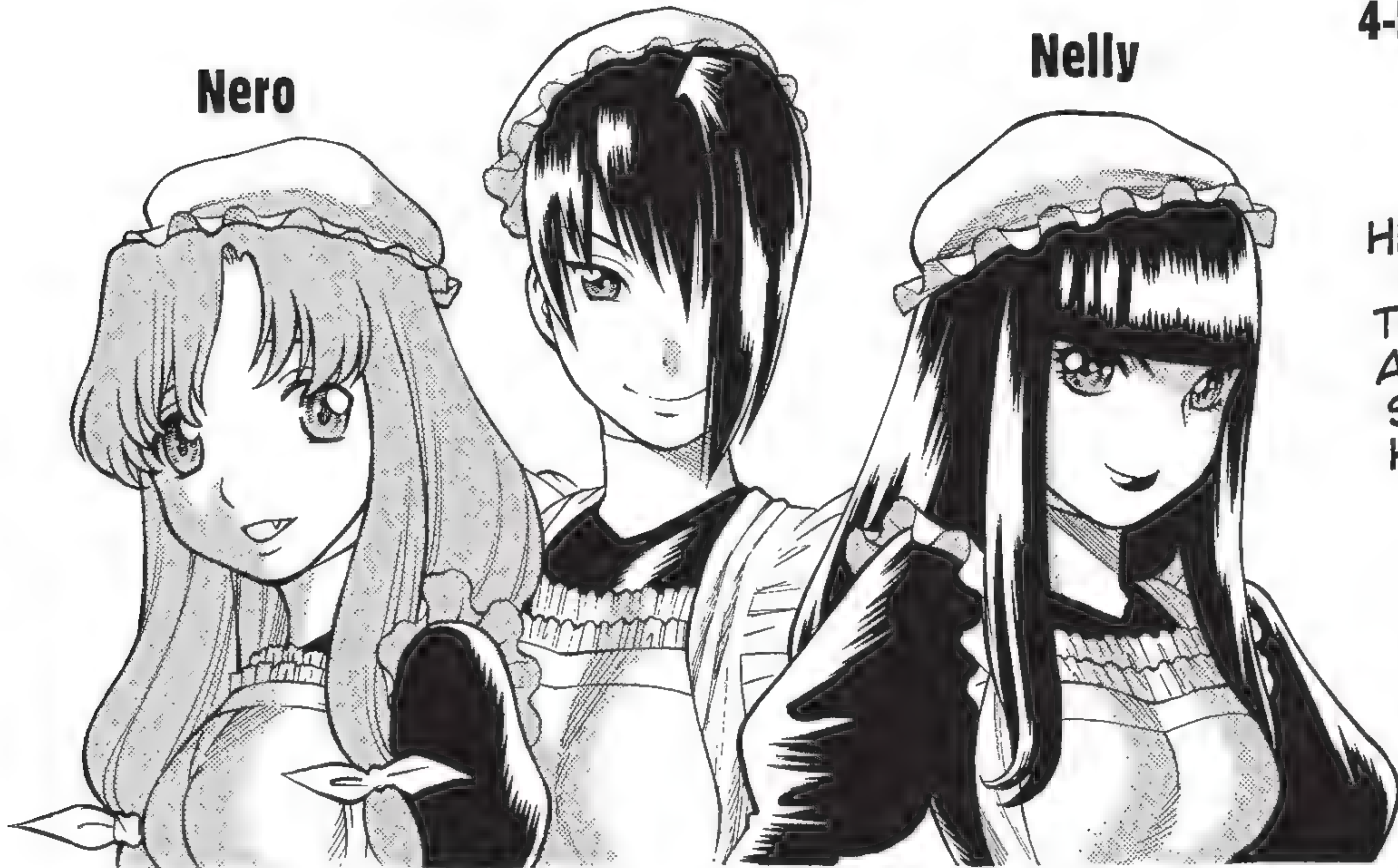
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Book-only,  
freshly-penned  
4-koma strips

Nella

Nelly

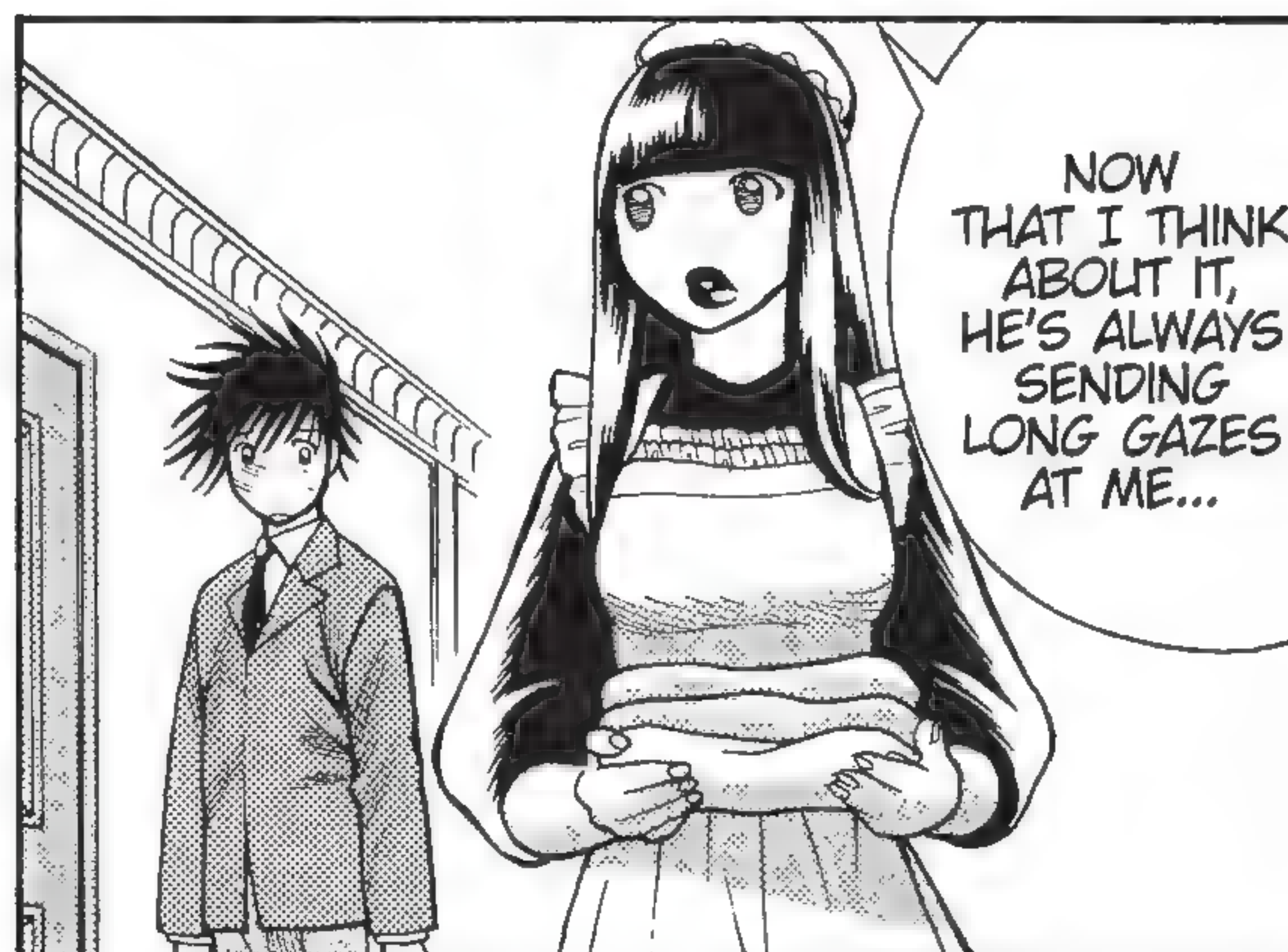
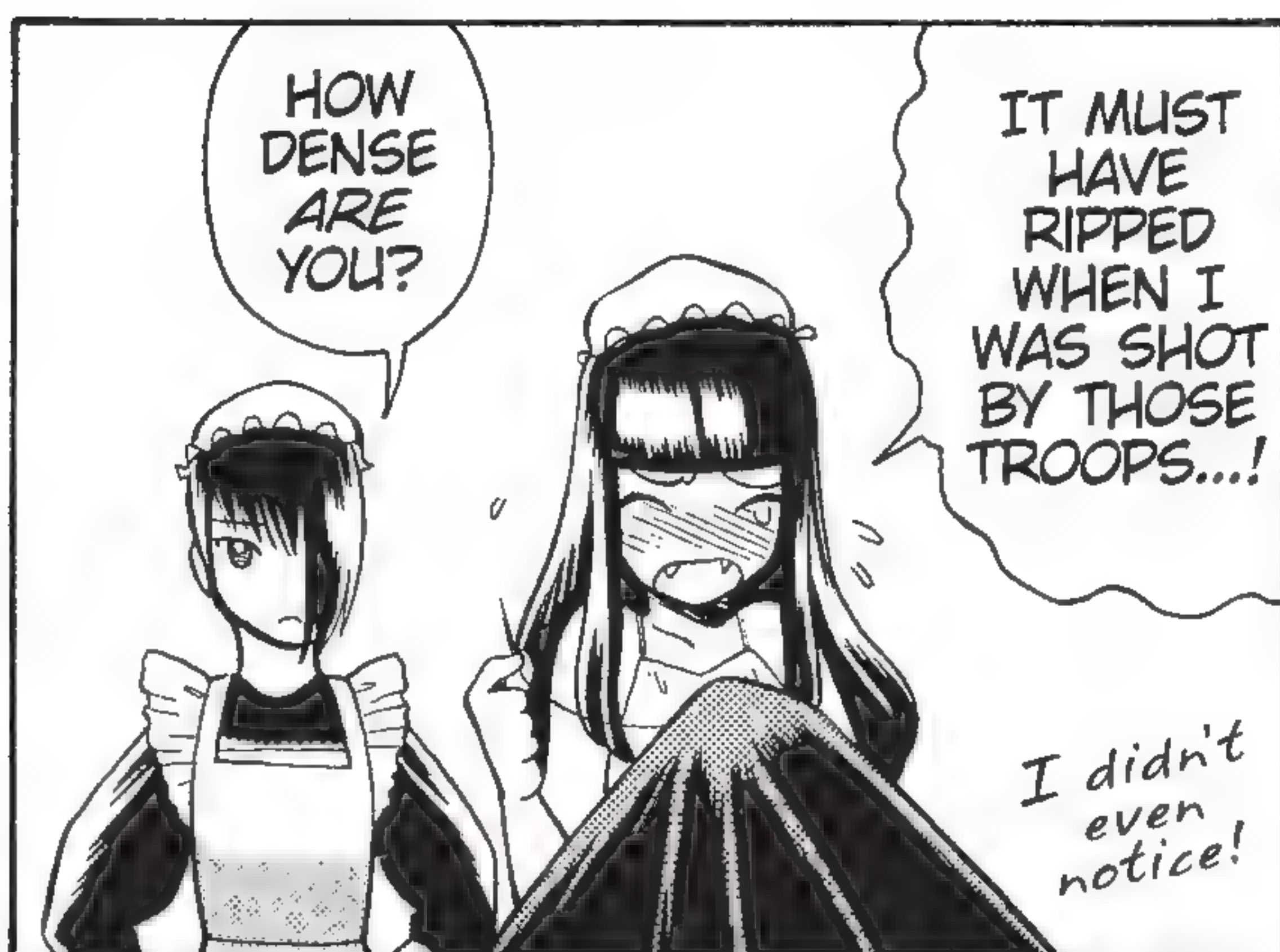
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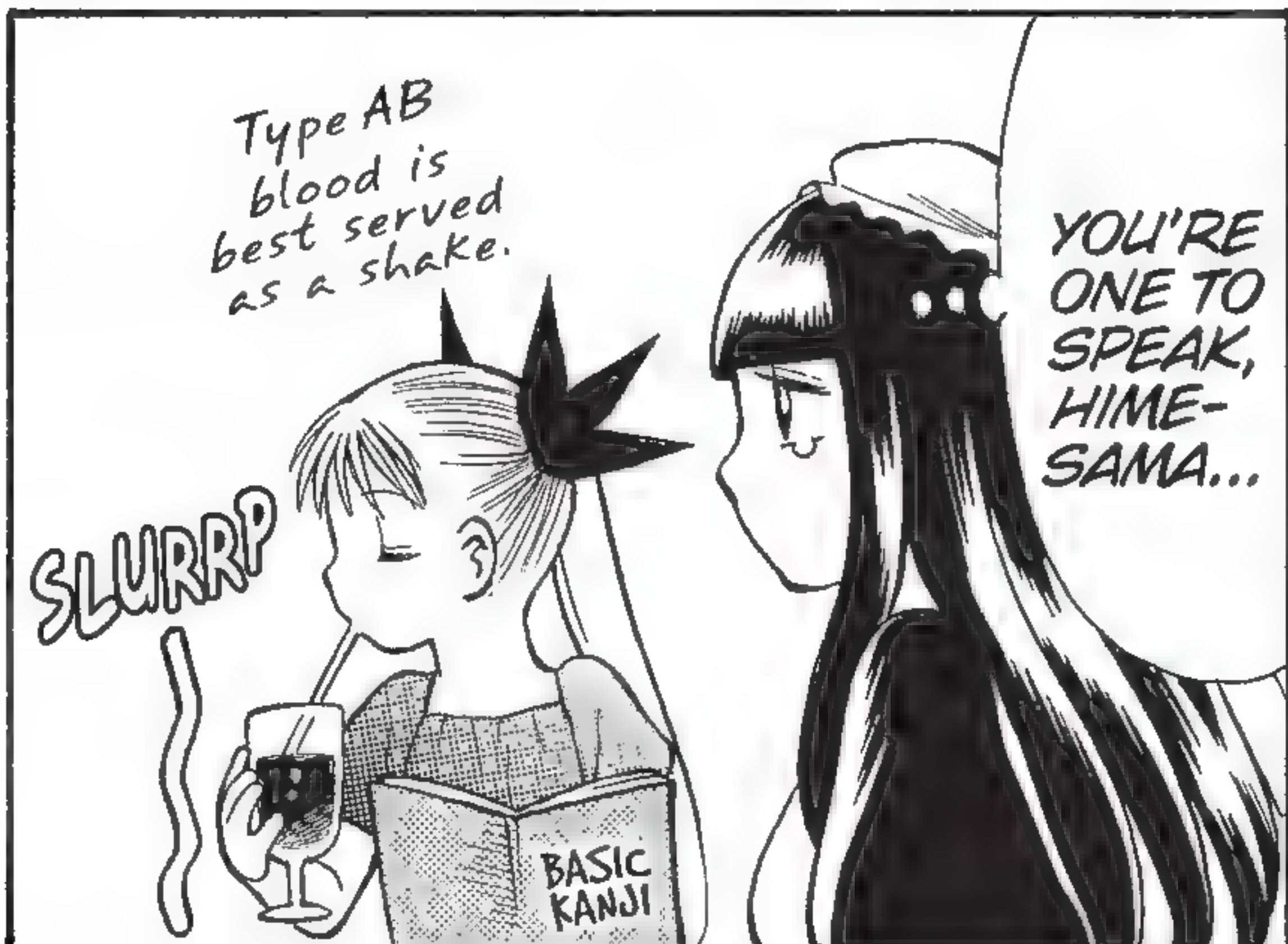
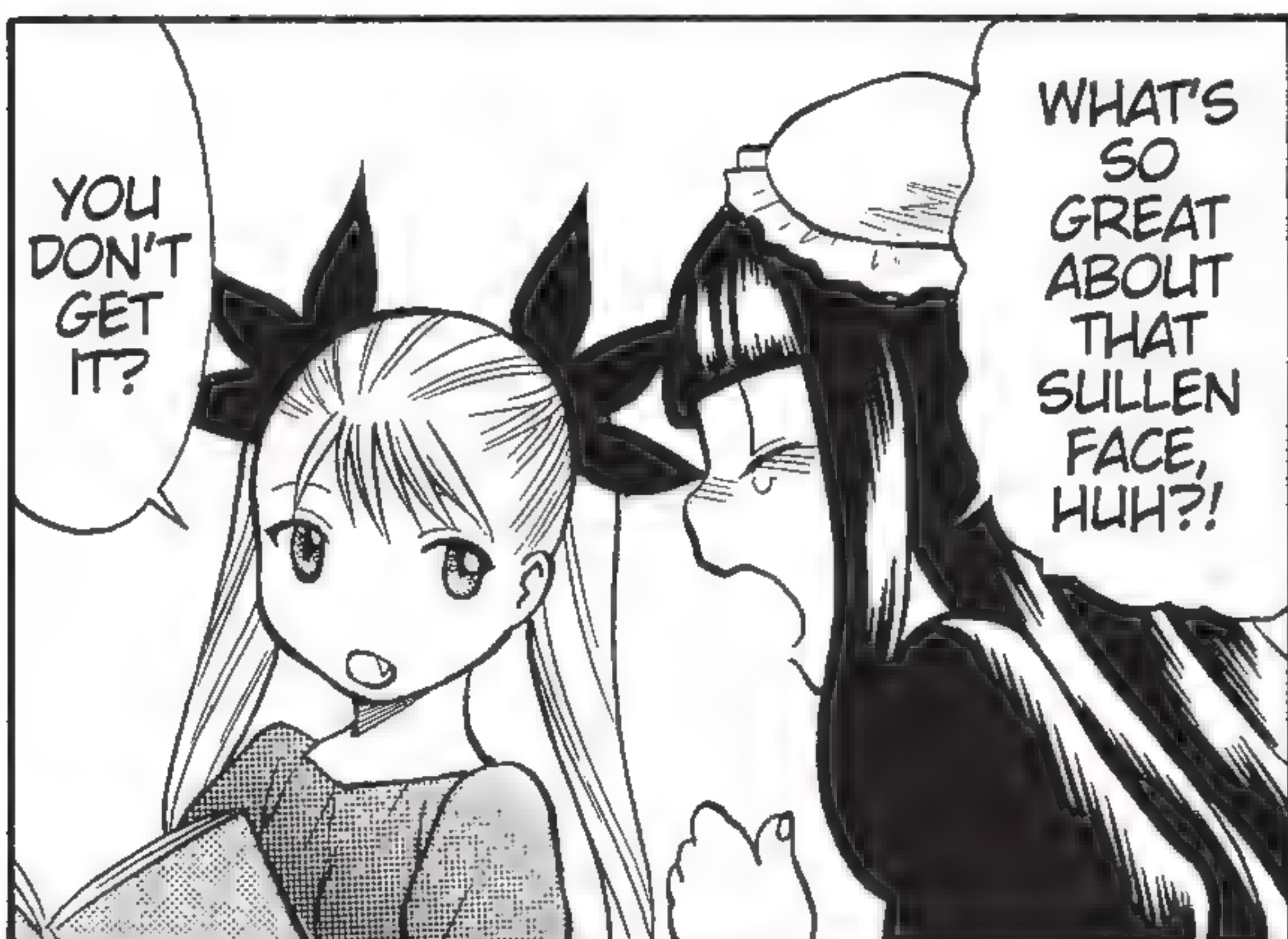
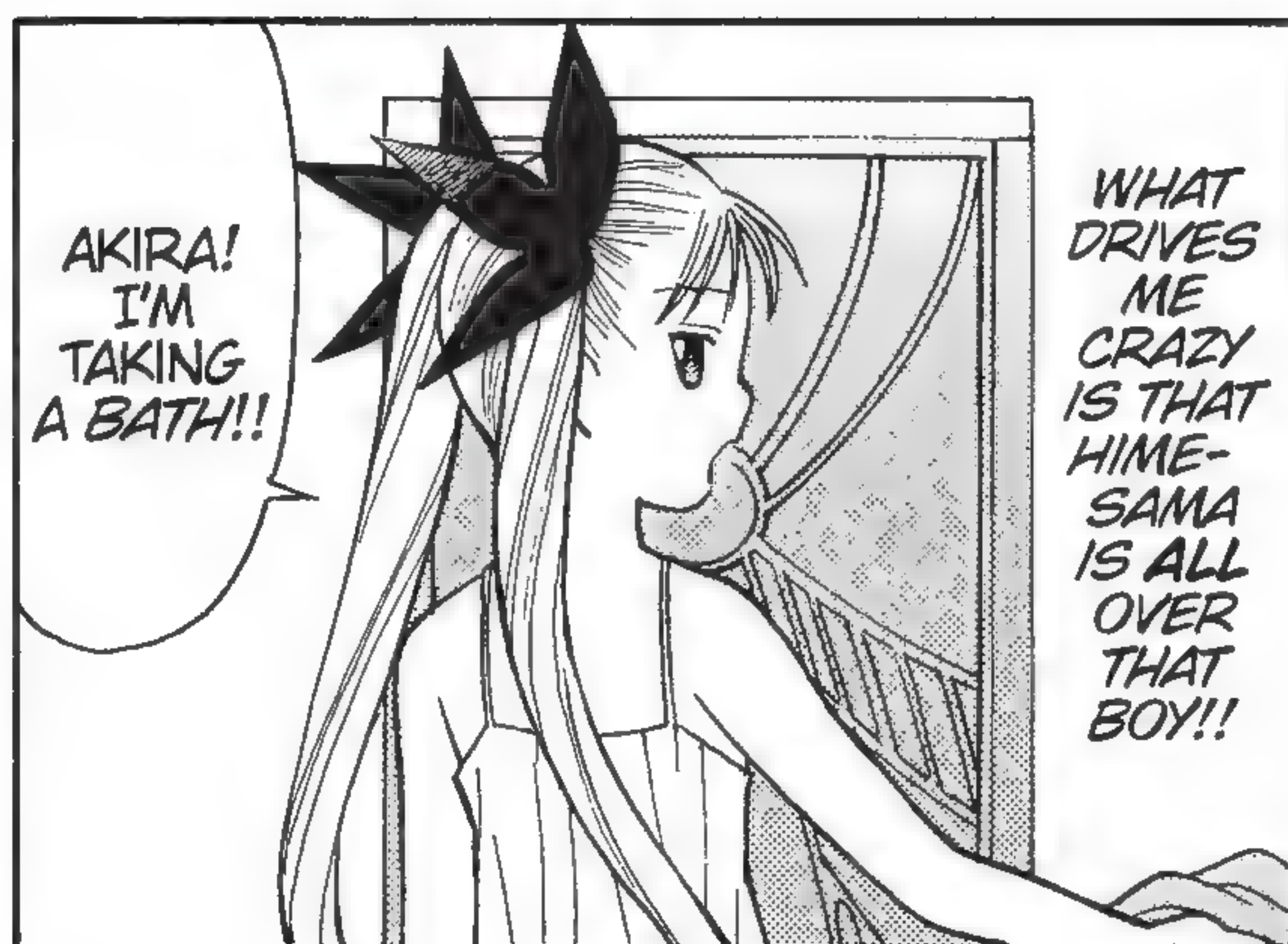
HELLO THERE.  
WE'RE THE  
THREE MAIDS  
ASSIGNED TO  
SERVE MINA  
HIME-SAMA.



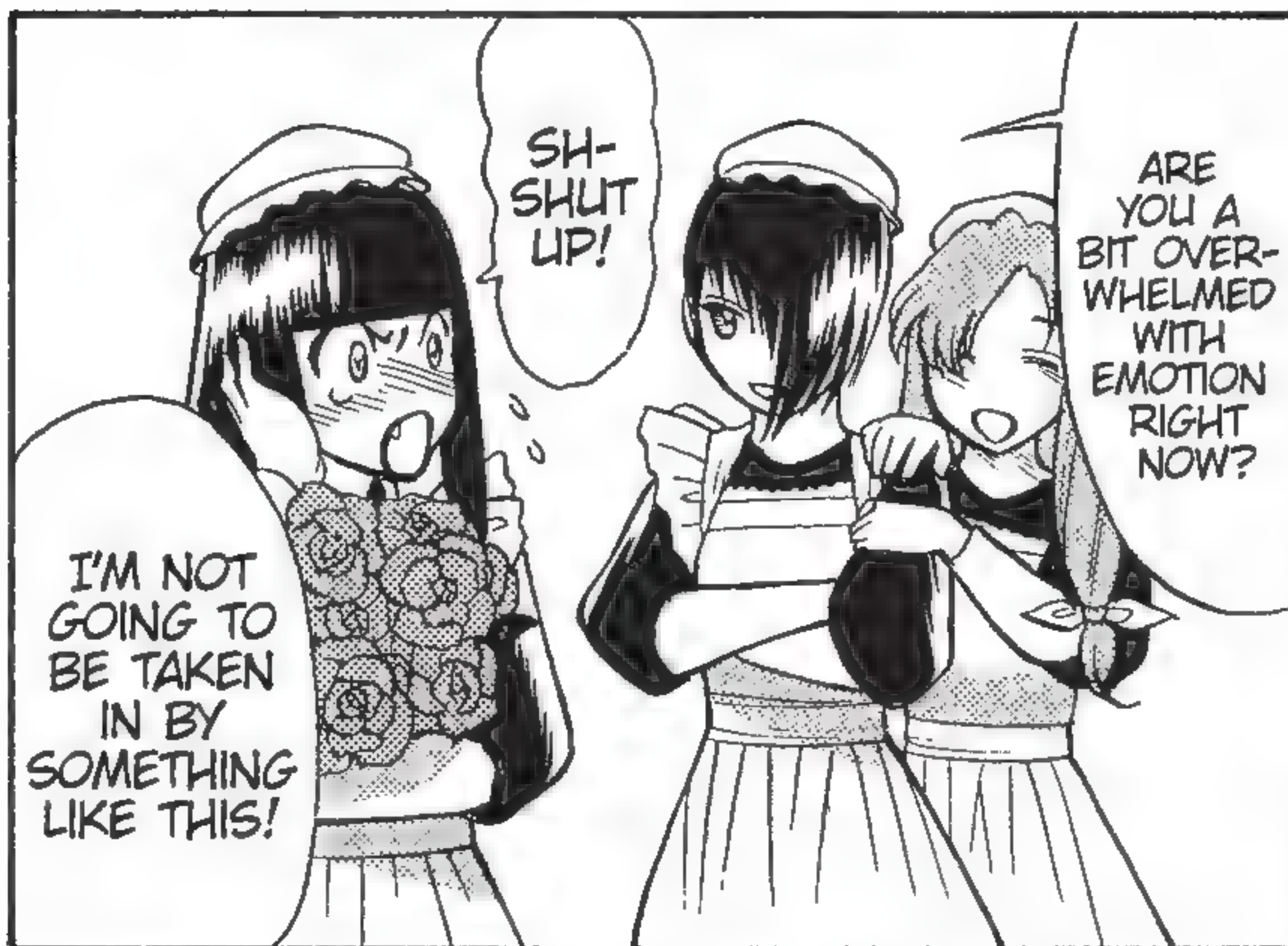
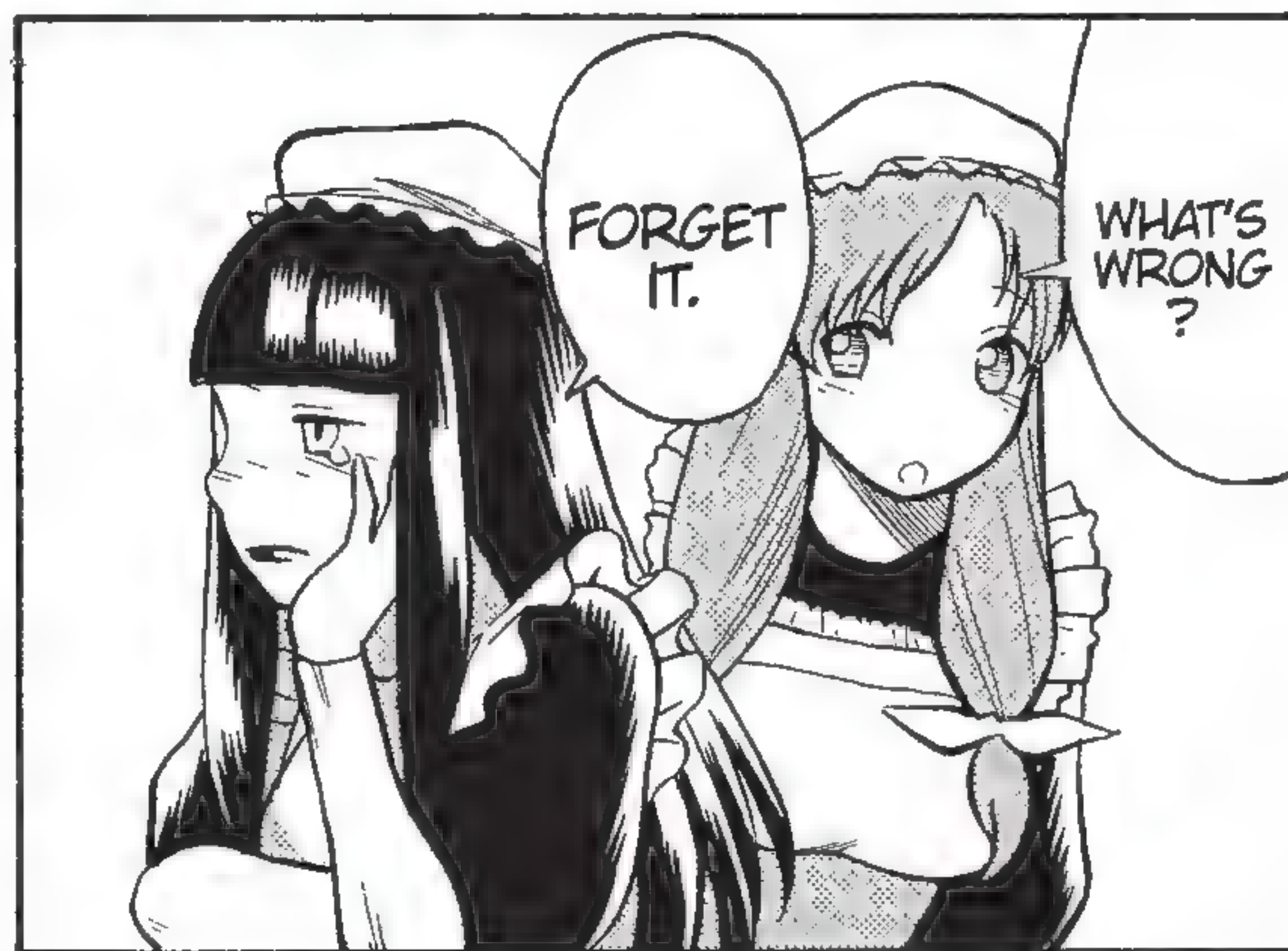
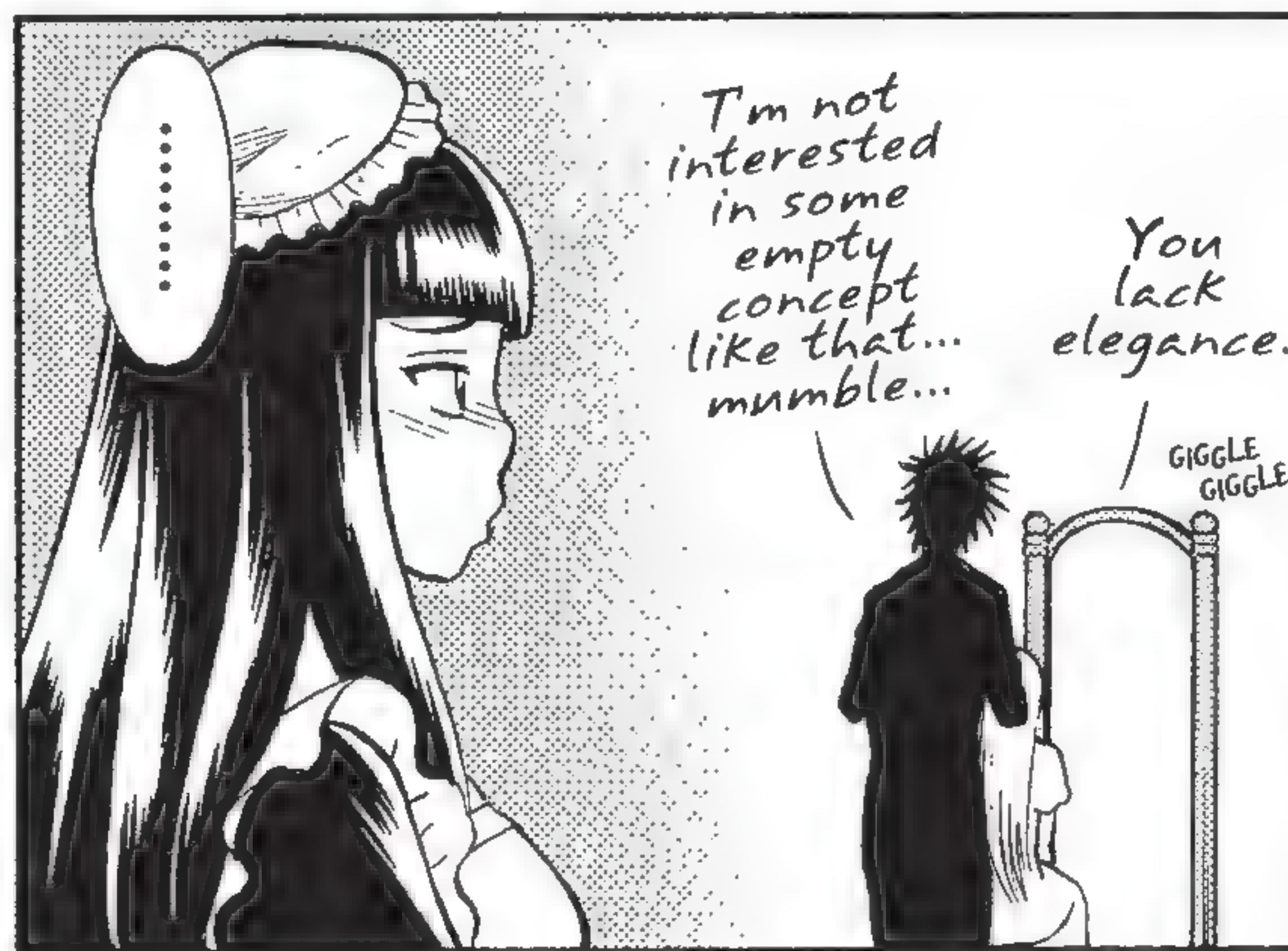
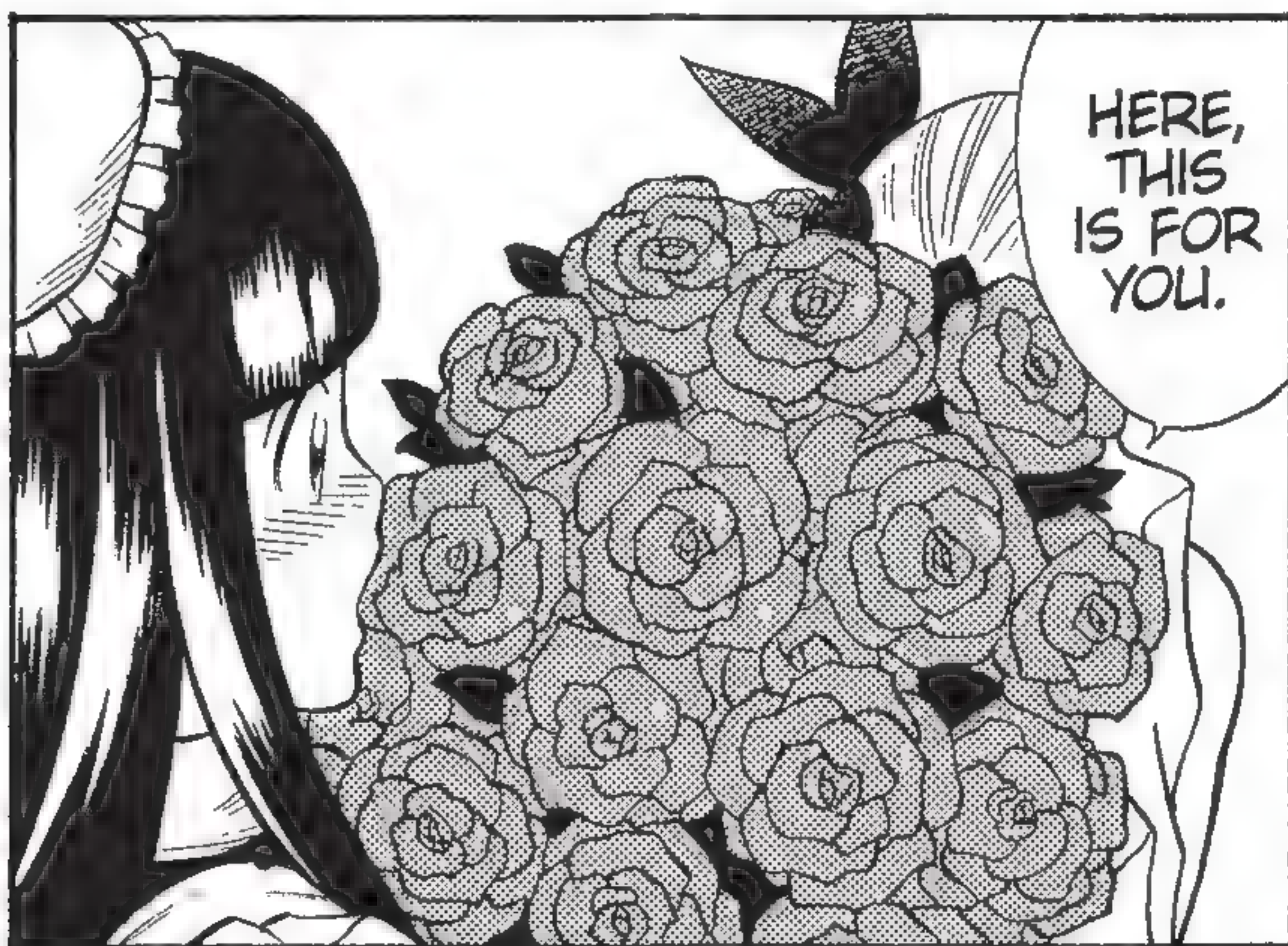
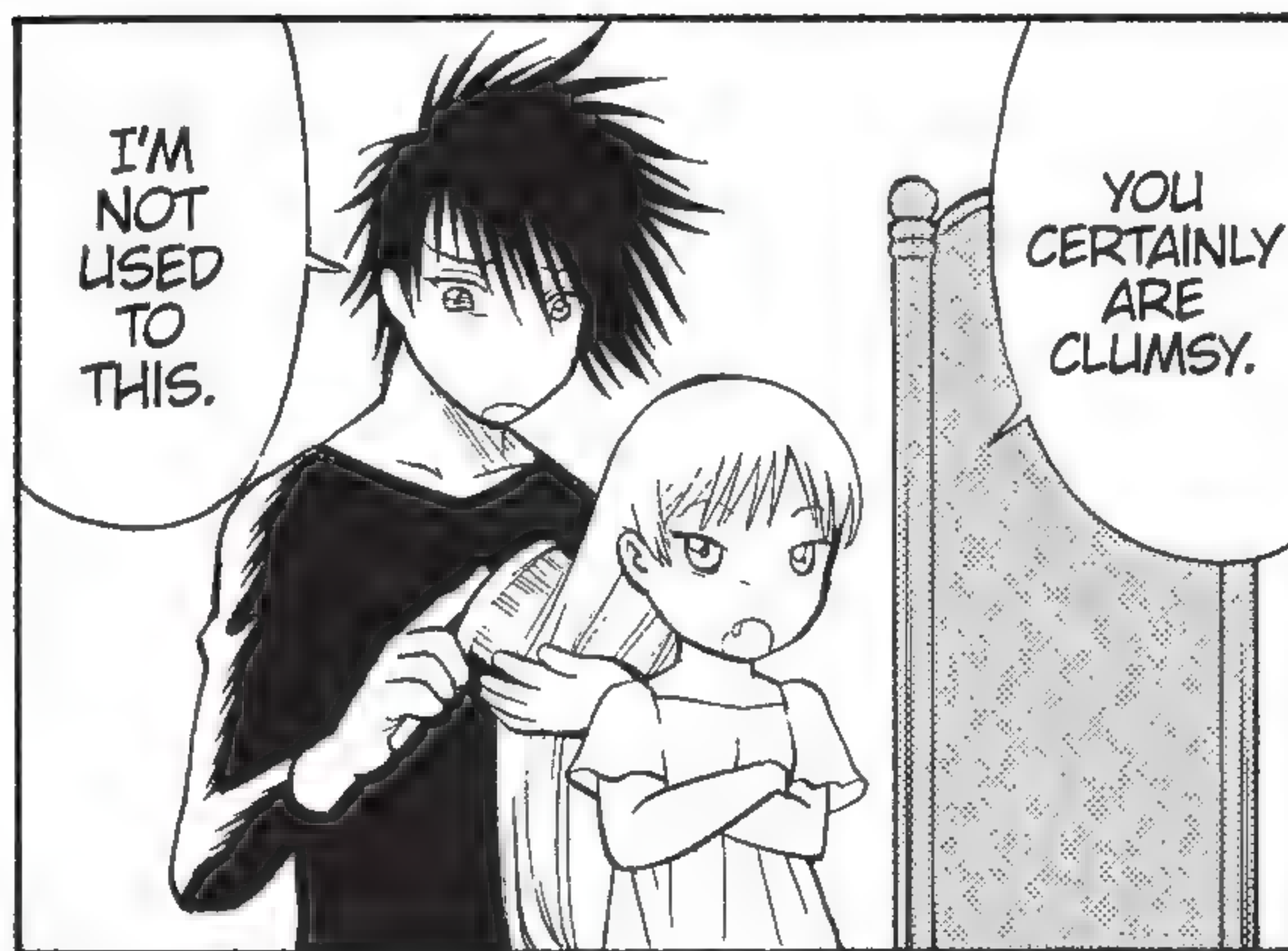
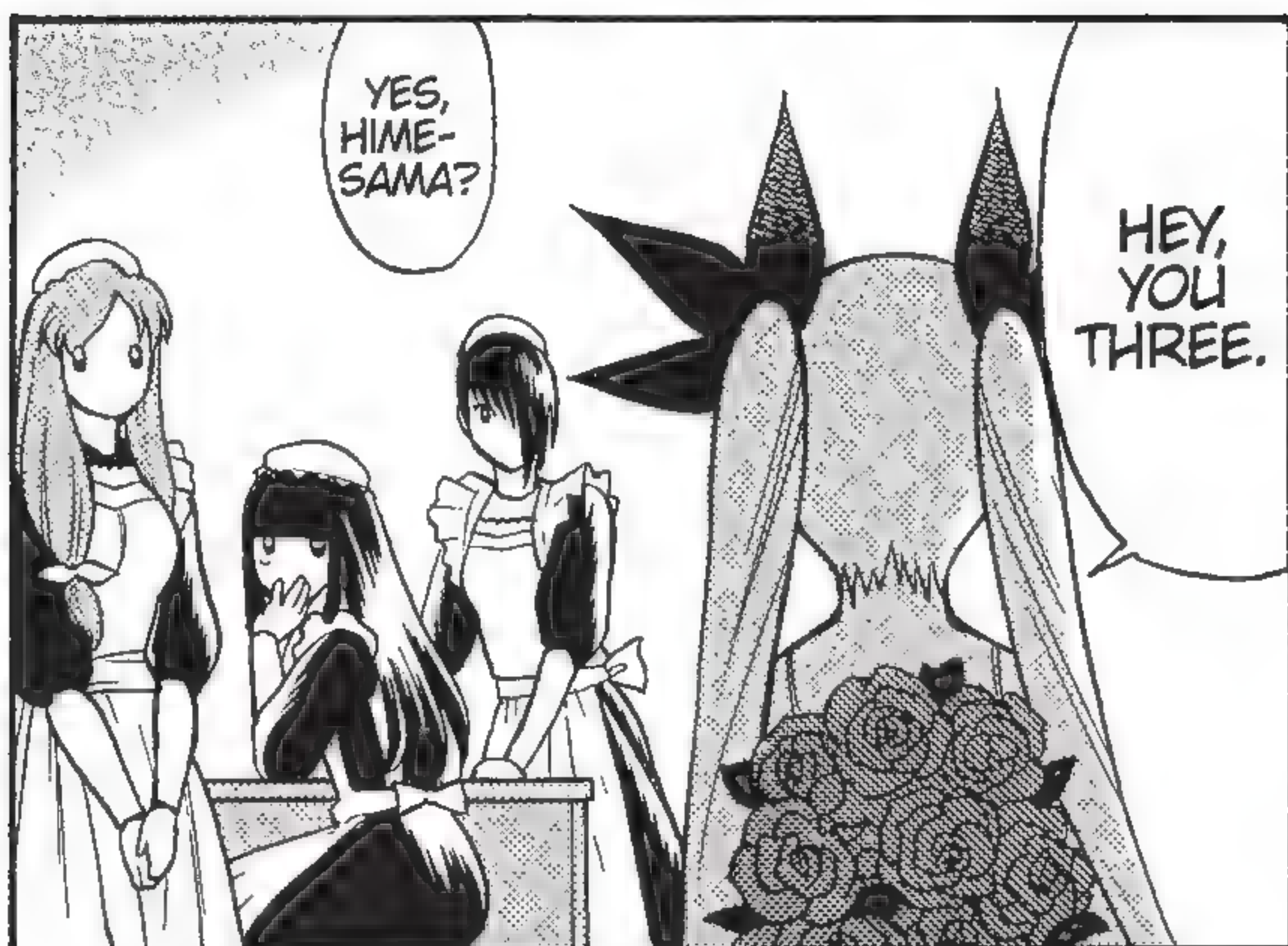






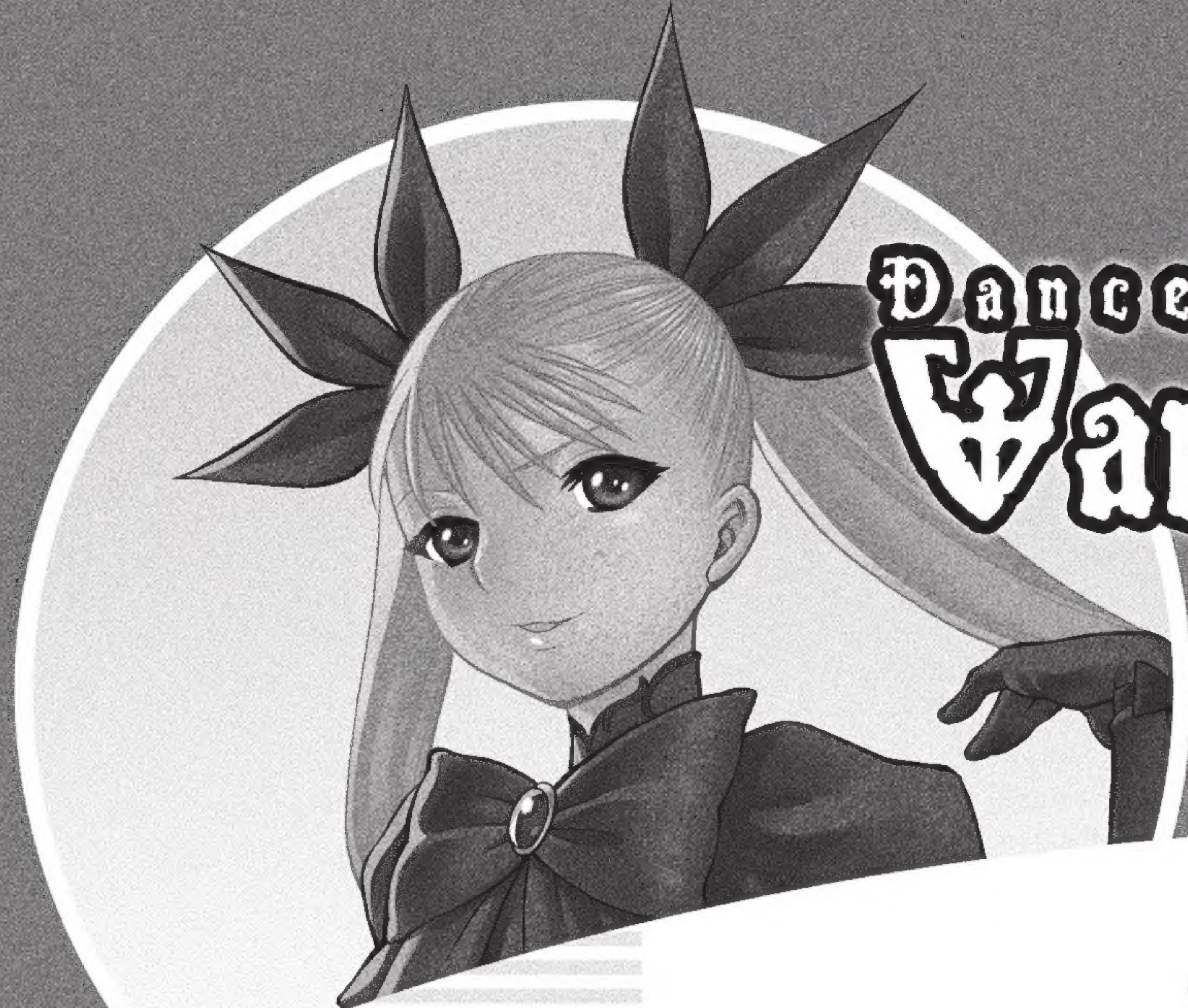






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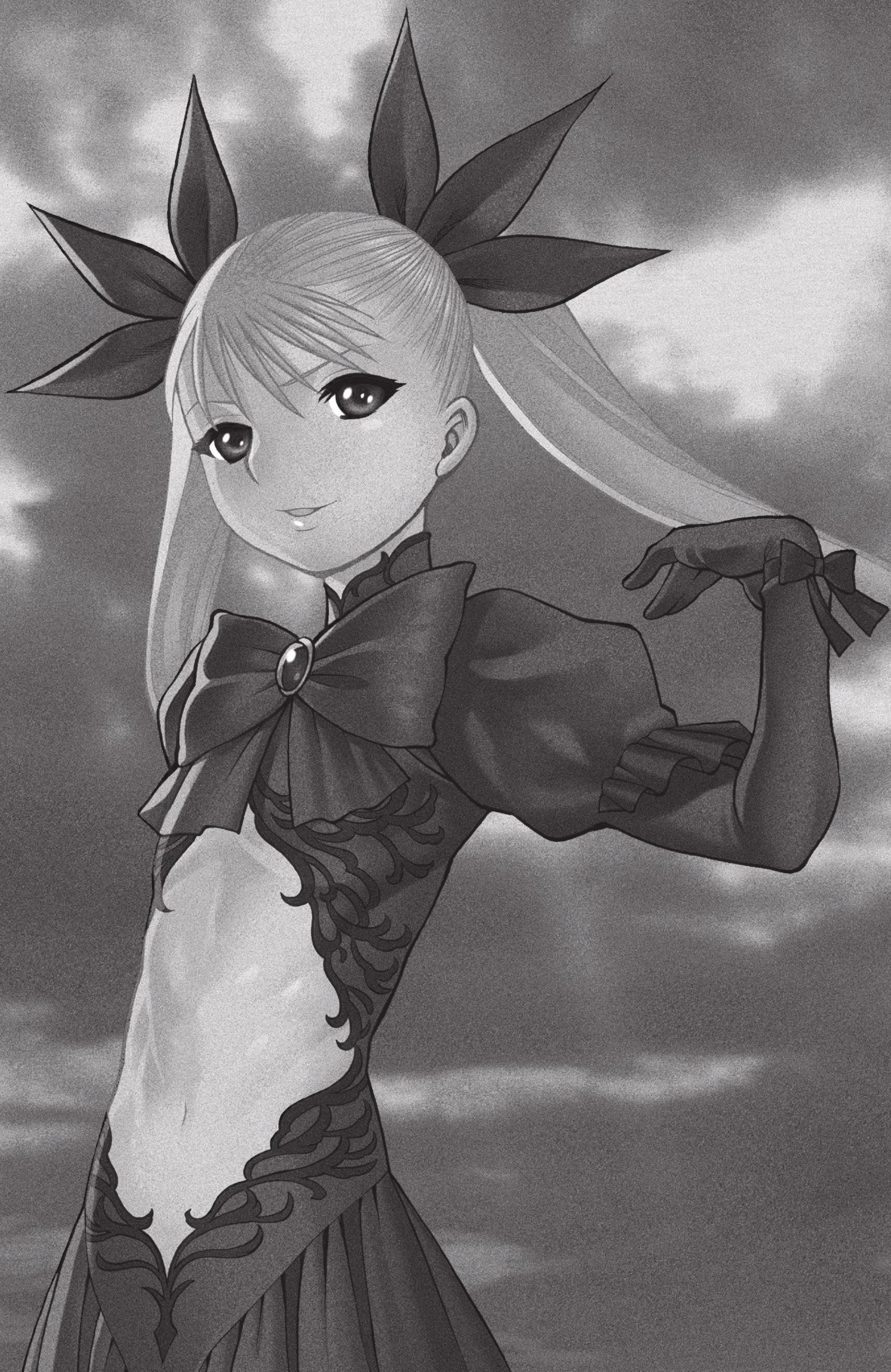
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